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PRESS COMMENT

"MAGNIFICENT" AND "SUPERB" ARE THE WORDS USED

We need to sell another twenty copies of the Society's new book, 'The Midland Counties Mileage Marks and Mail Routes to London, 1784-1840', to cover our printing costs. Personal appeals from the Co-ordinating Editor to members with no stated interest in the publication have met with only limited success. In the hope that press reviews and personal recommendations will carry more weight, here are a few comments by others:

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Our February meeting will be held on **11th February at Malvern**. A flyer is enclosed with this issue. Please note that this is a change of venue.

On **11th March** we meet at the **Black Country Museum** when Roger Broomfield will display "*Herefordshire*" beginning at 1.30 p.m.

Our Annual General Meeting and Auction will be held on **29th April at St Germain's Church Hall, Portland Road, Birmingham**. The AGM is scheduled to begin at 1.15 p.m. but full details of the day will be issued with the auction catalogue.

THE ANNUAL AUCTION

This will be held on 29th April 2006, starting at 1.45 p.m. In order to distribute the catalogues in good time, particularly to our overseas members, it is necessary that lots are handed to Eric at the meeting on 11th February. Alternatively, they may be sent to Mrs E Lewis at 27 Rathbone Road, Smethwick B67 5JG by 11th February. Please include full descriptions together with estimated market values and your reserve price, or state that there is no reserve.

A gift of surplus material that you may care give to sell for Society funds would be much appreciated. The money raised by the auction not only gives us an opportunity to dispose of surplus material or to acquire items for our collections, but also raises a valuable amount of money, so keeping subscriptions down. So please sort out those surplus items over the Christmas holiday, if not before then.

THE DECEMBER MEETING

I do apologise for the fact that there is no report on this meeting but the folder containing my report was inadvertently destroyed. Those members present witnessed a truly memorable display of the early postal history of the West Indies by Brian Brookes. It was worthwhile travelling some distance to see. Our thanks are due yet again to Richard Farman for arranging yet another very enjoyable day in Burton-on-Trent with good food, excellent company and superb postal history.

MAZY ROADS

What follows is extracted from an article which appeared in *The Post Office Magazine* of October 1934.

"A merry road, a mazy road, the road that we did tread.
The night we went to Birmingham by way of Beachey Head."

The devices, detours, and circuitous routings resorted to by the Post Office in order that letters may reach their recipients the following morning, whether there is a train to carry them or whether there is not, do literally translate Mr. Chesterton's ironic humour into actual fact.

For the worshipful fishmongers of Birmingham the very first need of the morning is market information from Grimsby. Unfortunately the last connecting train leaves Grimsby at 7.10 p.m., too early for all the quotations to have been prepared, posted, and sorted. In order to get the letters through in time for the morning business a mail is despatched from Grimsby to Birmingham by train via Boston, Grantham, Nottingham to Rugby, and completing its journey on a Rugby-Coventry-Birmingham motor service.

Another example of zig-zag routing is provided by a mail from King's Lynn to Leicester. There is a direct service on the *holiday route* from the Midlands to Poppyland and the Norfolk Broads. Yet to get their night mail through to Leicester, King's Lynn send it via Peterborough, Doncaster and Sheffield, a journey of nearly 200 miles.

Cardiff gives what is, perhaps, the most unexpected routing of all by despatching a mail to London via Crewe. England's counties East to West, according to the song, are seven, but this mail traverses eleven.

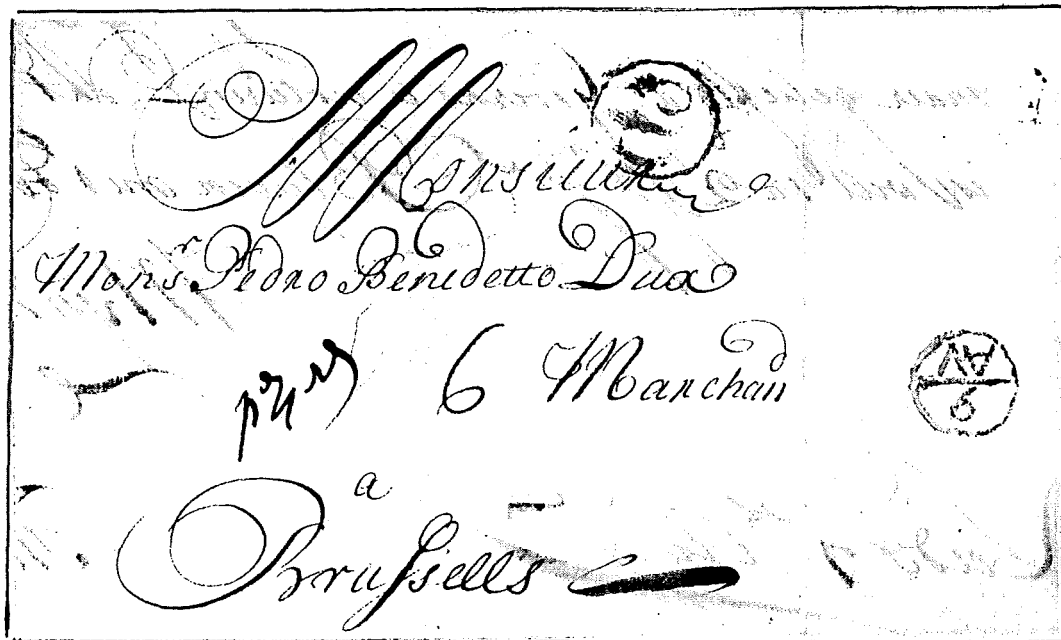
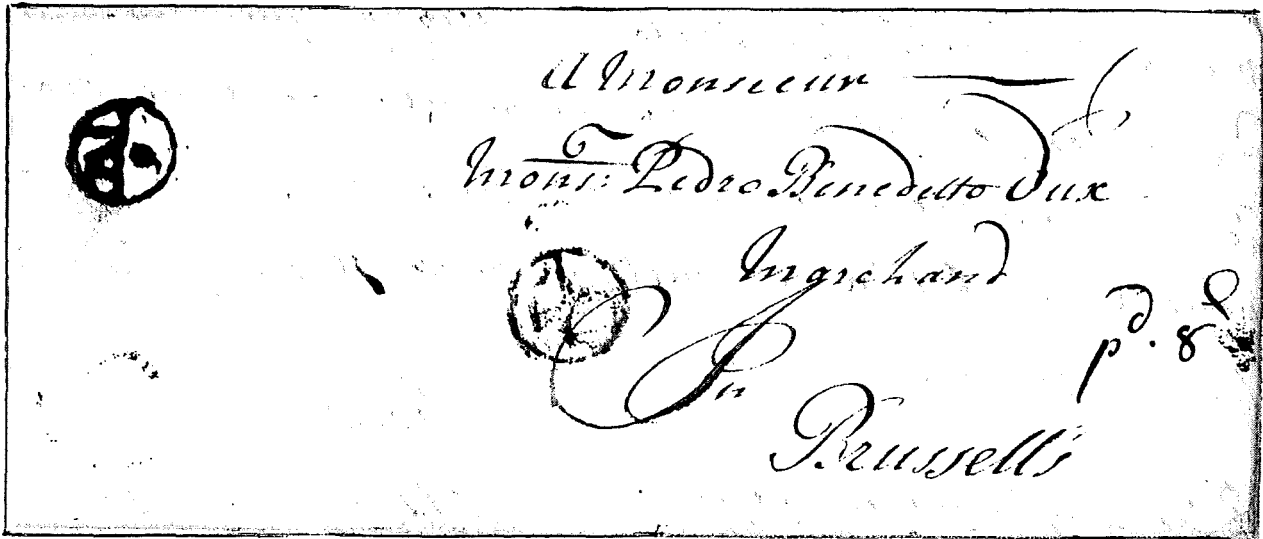
Perhaps the oddest triangle of all is provided by Hull, who send their night mail to Barton-on-Humber via Sheffield, Retford and Brigg. One can sit on Hull Pier and see Barton Church, yet this bag travels over a hundred miles to get there.

THE CASE OF THE MISSING HANDSTAMP?

The County Catalogue for Yorkshire records a handstamp (YK1734) used at Leeds in 1706-7. The next recorded handstamp was used in 1733. What happened in the intervening twenty-six years? Did the stamping of mail at Leeds cease for some reason, or is it that handstamps were used but no examples have been found?

The letters shown below were sent from Leeds in 1715 and 1717 respectively, but neither of them show any signs of a Leeds mark. The first was prepaid eight pence for a double letter to London, but the recipient was charged six deniers for postage from England. The second shows a prepayment of four pence for postage to London.

Do any other readers have letters from an English post town and sent during the second decade of the eighteenth century which do not show a town handstamp?



THERE HAVE BEEN WORSE WINTERS

by John Calladine

Each year, at the first sign of snow, commentators hurry to uncover evidence that it is, or might prove to be, the worst winter for two or three hundred years. Three of the very worst winters in English recorded history were during the mail coach era. Conveniently one occurred when mail coaches were relatively new, one near the end of the era and one in the middle.

The coldest January in the history of weather conditions recorded by instrument, i.e. from 1659, was in 1795. The really cold weather began on Christmas Eve and did not ease until March. The average temperature in central England during January was only 0.8 degrees. Both the Rivers Severn and Thames froze and the medieval 'frost fairs' resumed. The low point was on January 25th when a temperature of minus 21 degrees was recorded in London.

Remarkably, the cold conditions do not appear to have caused the Royal Mail any serious problems until late in January. A note from the Postmasters General to Francis Freeling dated 28th January asked why so many bags (of letters) were "wanting" (i.e. missing) when the mail coaches arrived in London. When Freeling asked the Inland Office what had happened, he was told (surprise, surprise) that the problems were due to the severity of the weather. It was not the mail coaches themselves that had been held up, although we are all familiar with James Pollard's evocative paintings of mail coaches stuck in deep snow with the guard riding away on one of the horses from the coach, carrying the mail bags, probably to his death. (A Pollard painting of a mail coach in the snow is illustrated.) The problems occurred because the bags being carried from towns away from mail coach routes were unable to reach their mail coach rendezvous in time. Needless to say, the coaches did not wait. Freeling reported to the Postmasters General that the Scottish mails failed to arrive in Newcastle on time. The Romney, New Hythe and Folkestone bags were late at Dover, as was the Margate bag at Canterbury. In the Midlands the Minchinhampton and Stroud bags failed to reach Cirencester. There were similar problems in Wiltshire. The Isle of Wight bag could not be taken to Southampton because of adverse winds. It is apparent the troubles were countrywide.

James Pollard's 'Mail Coach in the Snow'



The weather caused further difficulties for packet ships. On 2nd February, it was reported that the 'Chesterfield' had been driven into Cardigan Bay "by stress of weather". A shift of wind had then caused it to run aground. A minute of 5th February, again referring to missing bags, spoke of "the badness of the weather".

Worse was to follow. Weather reports of the time show there to have been a rapid, but temporary, thaw in early February, the cold weather returning after the middle of the month. The thaw led to severe flooding. Freeling wrote to the Postmasters General again on 16th February. He said he had avoided troubling their Lordships with the almost innumerable letters he had received about the interruption of the mails in nearly every part of the country caused by the recent floods, which were now subsiding. He added that no blame was to be attached to the surveyors or the postmasters who had been extremely zealous in their attempts to do what they could in the prevailing circumstances. He continued by warning the Postmasters General there were likely to be some financial claims from those who had worked so diligently to keep the mails moving.

The next truly awful weather was that of 1813/14. Not only was it one of the four or five coldest winters ever known, it was said to be one of the snowiest winters for three hundred years! There was particularly heavy snow for two or three days in early January. In spite of the extreme conditions, there appears to be nothing in the minutes from Francis Freeling to his superiors suggesting any difficulties caused by the weather.

In the last years of the mail coach era, bad weather struck again. On Christmas Day 1836, level snow reached depths of between five and fifteen feet and there were reliable reports of drifts of up to fifty feet deep. In January, a severe frost set in and, on 20th January, London recorded the lowest temperature of the century (minus 16 degrees). This time it is known that mail coach routes were blocked. On 1st January, Freeling told the Postmasters General something of the arrangements he had made to divert the French and Belgian mails. Those mails and the bags to and from Kent were held up because the Canterbury road was blocked beyond Rochester, as was the road between Canterbury and Dover. (We know, incidentally, that Anthony Trollope was sent to France to help sort this out.) The plan appeared to have been to use Margate as an alternative port but the troubles weren't limited to the British side of the Channel.

With a couple of inches of snow frequently bringing our motorways and main roads to a standstill, it is humbling to see how little difficulty several feet of snow caused to something as vulnerable as a mail coach. Of the devoted staff who ensured the mails got through, come what may, one can only believe "they don't make them like that any more".

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MIDLAND POSTOFFICES OPENED OR CLOSED DURING 2005.

By Ken Smith

BIRMINGHAM TSOs

Beacon,43	closed 8/3/2005.	
BigTopB.O.,2	closed 23/7/2005.	Opened 22/9/1958.
EdgewoodRoad,45	closed 21/2/2005.	
Great Hampton Row	closed 4/1/2005.	
IvyBush,16	closed 11/1/2005.	
LeeBank,15	closed 11/1/2005.	
Marsh Hill Erdington	closed 5/1/2005.	
National Exhibition Centre	closed 18/3/2005.	
Perry Beeches,44	closed 17/2/2005.	
RaddlebarnRoad,29	closed 14/3/2005.	
ShawHill,8	closed 21/3/2005.	
Tyburn,24	closed 6/1/2005.	
WardEnd,8	closed 21/3/2005.	
Washwood Heath,8	closed 12/2/2005.	
Winson Green,18	closed 5/7/2005.	

DERBYSHIRE

Barlow, Sheffield	reopened 17/1/2005.	At Hare & Hounds. Closed 19/11/2004.
Eggington, Derby	reopened 12/7/2005.	Temporary closure 21/12/2004.
Higham, Alfreton	closed 25/5/2005.	
Lower Pilsley, Chesterfield	closed 25/8/2005.	At Star Inn, c/o Danesmoor P.O.
New Bolsover, Chesterfield	reopened 13/6/2005.	At No5, New Bolsover, c/o Bolsover P.O.
Newton Solney, Burton-on-Trent	closed 27/9/2005.	Reopened 17/11/2005 at 16, Main Street.
Ridgeway, Sheffield	reopened 7/1/2005.	Craft Centre Café, Tues & Fri 10am-1pm
Rowarth, High Peak, Stockport	closed 18/10/2005.	
Victoria Park (TSO), Buxton	closed 26/1/2005.	
Cutthorpe Road, Chesterfield	reopened 17/1/2005.	Three Merry Lads, c/o Whittington Moor P.O.
Darley Abbey (TSO), Derby	closed 16/2/2005.	
Duffield Road (TSO), Derby	closed 8/3/2005.	
Elton Road (TSO), Derby	opened 31/1/2005.	At no.62. Replaced five TSOs.
Normanton Lane, Littleover, Derby	closed 5/1/2005.	
Old Normanton (TSO), Derby	closed 16/2/2005.	
Osmaston Park Road (TSO), Derby	closed 23/2/2005.	
Park Gates (TSO), Derby	closed 16/2/2005.	
Roosevelt Avenue (TSO), Derby	closed 22/1/2005.	
St Dunstan's (TSO), Derby	closed 26/2/2005.	
St Thomas (TSO), Derby	closed 21/2/2005.	
Uttoxeter Old Road (TSO), Derby	closed 19/2/2005.	
Old Glossop (TSO), Glossop	closed 25/1/2005.	

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Bibury, Cirencester	closed 30/3/2005.	Reopened 16/5/2005 at 10, The Street.
Clearwell, Coleford	closed 28/4/2005.	
Churchdown, Gloucester	closed 17/1/2005.	
St Briavels, Lydney	closed 1/4/2005.	
Whiteshill, Stroud	closed 23/3/2005.	Reclassified as an urban office to justify closure.
Montpellier (TSO), Cheltenham	closed 21/3/2005.	
Wymans Brook (TSO), Cheltenham	closed 21/3/2005.	
Chesterton (TSO), Cirencester	closed 18/1/2005.	
Cam (TSO), Dursley	closed 12/10/2005.	Reported reopened 23/11/2005 in portakabin.
Highfields (TSO), Dursley	reopened 23/3/2005	Closed 9/11/2004 following an arson attack.

Innsworth (TSO), Gloucester	closed 12/1/2005.
Painswick Road (TSO), Gloucester	closed 2/3/2005.
Stroud Road (TSO), Gloucester	closed 5/3/2005.
Westgate Street (TSO), Gloucester	closed 18/1/2005.

HEREFORDSHIRE

Barons Cross CFPO, Leominster	closed 18/6/2005.	Opened 25/8/1992.
Bosbury, Ledbury	reopened 7/3/2005.	Closed 31/3/2004.
Brimfield, Ludlow	reopened 4/4/2005.	In the Village Hall.
Glasbury, Hereford	reopened 4/1/2005.	In Radnorshire. Closed 21/5/2004.
Holme Lacy, Hereford	closed 10/10/2005.	
Staunton-on-Wye, Hereford	closed 7/3/2005	
Stoke Lacy, Bromyard	closed 20/1/2005.	
Yarpole, Leominster	closed 4/2/2005.	Reopened 9/6/2005 in a Portakabin, Green Lane

LEICESTERSHIRE

Diseworth, Derby	closed 20/12/2005.	At the Village Hall. Served from Breedon.
Eaton, Grantham	closed 21/9/2005.	
Gaddesby, Leicester	closed 4/2/2005.	
Leire, Lutterworth	closed 14/12/2005.	
Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray	reopened 2/6/2005.	
Newton Harcourt	closed 17/3/2005.	
Normanton-le-Heath, Coalville	closed 19/12/2005.	Mon/Wed 9-1; Tue/Thurs 1-5
Rearsby, Leicester	closed 30/6/2005.	Reopened c10/2005 in the Village Hall.
Scaford, Melton Mowbray	reopened 6/1/2005.	At 9, School Lane; t.c.19/5/2003
South Kilworth, Lutterworth	closed 15/12/2005.	
Leire Street (TSO), Leicester	closed 30/3/2005.	

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Bulwick, Corby	closed 10/1/2005.	
Burton Latimer, Kettering	closed 9/11/2005.	Reopened 21/11/2005 after refurbishment.
Chacombe, Banbury	reopened 22/9/2005.	At George & Dragon. Closed 14/1/2004.
Cottingham, Market Harborough	closed 15/12/2005.	
Evenley, Brackley	reopened 8/7/2005.	At 23, The Green.
Isham, Kettering	closed 12/1/2005.	At the 'Monk & Minstrels' since 1/9/2003.
Northampton B.O.	change of status 2 0/8/2005 to CFPO-Company Franchise Post Office.	

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

East Markham, Newark	relocated 13/9/2005.	At 'Café o Lick'; served by Tuxford P.O.
Kirton, Newark	relocated 7/9/2005.	C/o Tuxford P.O.
New Balderton, Newark	closed 11/4/2005.	
South Leverton, Retford	closed 31/3/2005.	At the Plough Inn
Sutton, Retford	closed 24/3/2005.	Reopened 28/9/2005.
Broad Lane (TSO), Brinsley, Nottingham	closed 28/9/2005.	
Manton (TSO), Worksop	closed 17/3/2005.	

OXFORDSHIRE

Claydon, Banbury	closed 25/5/2005.	
Finstock, Chipping Norton	reopened 18/1/2005	At 'The Crown'
Forest Hill, Oxford	closed 31/8/2005.	Closed c12/1978; reopen by 2000.
Garsington, Oxford	closed 13/10/2005.	
Shutford, Banbury	closed 24/10/2005.	
Stoke Lyne, Bicester	closed 3/11/2005.	
Divinity Road (TSO), Oxford	closed 3/8/2005.	Opened 4/11/1996.
Sinodun Road (TSO), Wallingford	closed 16/2/2005.	

RUTLAND

Morcott, Oakham
 North Luffenham, Oakham
 Wing, Oakham

closed 26/10/2005.
 reopened 23/6/2005.
 reopened 23/6/2005.

At 2, School Lane.
 Primary School/Community Centre, Church St.
 In the Village Hall.

SHROPSHIRE

Brimfield, Ludlow
 Hordley, Ellesmere
 Lawley, Telford
 Middleton Scriven, Bridgnorth
 Newcastle, Craven Arms
 Pipe Gate, Market Drayton
 Wrockwardine, Telford
 Albert Road (TSO), Oswestry
 Belle Vue (TSO), Shrewsbury
 Moston Road (TSO), Shrewsbury
 Port Hill (TSO), Shrewsbury
 Dawley Bank (TSO), Telford
 Ketley (TSO), Telford
 Ketley Bank (TSO), Telford
 Kingsland (TSO), Telford
 St George's (TSO), Telford
 Woodside (TSO), Telford

reopened 4/4/2005.
 closed 14/7/2005.
 reopened 14/4/2005.
 closed 2/12/2005.
 relocated 6/8/2005.
 closed by 3/10/2005.
 closed 28/10/2005.
 closed 2/2/2005.
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 closed 5/2/2005.
 closed 22/2/2005
 closed 14/5/2005.

Reopened 6/10/2005 in the village hall.
 Closed 9/1/2003

In the Village Hall - Tues & Thur 9-11 a.m.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Drayton Bassett, Tamworth
 Essington, Wolverhampton
 Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent
 Rocester, Uttoxeter
 Sandon, Stafford
 Wilnecote, Tamworth
 Wood Lane, Stoke-on-Trent
 Anglesey Road (TSO), Burton-on-Trent
 Calais Road (TSO), Burton-on-Trent
 Derby Turn (TSO), Burton-on-Trent
 Henhurst Hill (TSO), Burton-on-Trent
 Melbourne Avenue (TSO), Burton-on-Trent
 Sydney Street (TSO), Burton-on-Trent
 Tutbury Road (TSO), Burton-on-Trent
 Victoria Crescent (TSO), Burton-on-Trent
 Walker Street (TSO), Burton-on-Trent
 Sneyd Green (TSO), Stoke-on-Trent
 Amington (TSO), Tamworth
 Belgrave (TSO), Tamworth
 Dosthill (TSO), Tamworth
 Hockley (TSO), Tamworth
 Two Gates (TSO), Tamworth

closed 12/1/2005.
 closed 15/6/2005.
 closed 29/7/2005.
 reopened 26/5/2005.
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 closed 26/2/2005.
 closed 30/7/2005.
 closed 19/1/2005.
 closed 10/2/2005.
 closed 20/1/2005.
 closed 27/1/2005.
 closed 7/2/2005.

Reopened 9/12/2005 at 69, Hill Street.
 Reopened 21/11/2005 in the Village Hall.
 At Spar Stores, 60, High Street.
 c/o Haughton PO; t.c. 31/12/2004

Reopened 5/10/2005 after refurbishment.

WARWICKSHIRE

Barford, Warwick
 Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon
 Bubbenhall, Coventry
 Grendon, Atherstone
 Moreton Morrell, Warwick
 Water Orton, Birmingham
 Ratcliffe Road (TSO), Atherstone
 Bedworth Heath (TSO), Bedworth
 Furnace Fields (TSO), Bedworth
 Smorrell Lane (TSO), Bedworth

closed 24/2/2005.
 closed 8/12/2005.
 reopened 12/1/2005.
 closed 4/4/2005.
 closed 1/4/2005.
 closed 23/5/2005.
 opened 15/9/2005.
 closed 10/1/2005.
 closed 5/1/2005.
 closed 10/1/2005.

Had reopened 7/7/2005 in the Village Hall.
 Served from Ryton-on-Dunsmore.

Replaced Lister Road which closed 18/6/2004

WORCESTERSHIRE

Eckington, Pershore	closed 18/1/2005.	Armed robbery.
Evesham	relocated 5/5/2005 from Co-op store back to the former Crown Office.	
Hagley, Stourbridge	closed 24/1/2005.	Reclassified as an urban office to justify closure.
Sedgebe	closed 25/11/2005.	
row, Evesham		
Wychbold, Droitwich	closed 16/2/2005.	Reopened 11/7/2005.
Hurcott Road (TSO), Kidderminster	closed 20/1/2005.	
Lister Road (TSO), Kidderminster	closed 8/2/2005.	
Sutton Road (TSO), Kidderminster	closed 7/2/2005.	
Abbeydale (TSO), Redditch	closed 20/1/2005.	
Batchley Road (TSO), Redditch	closed 19/1/2005.	
Calder Road (TSO), Stourport	closed 22/1/2005.	

WESTMIDLANDS

Corley, Coventry (rural)	closed 29/4/2005.	
Church Road, Coseley (TSO), Bilston	closed 26/3/2005.	
Acorn Street (TSO), Coventry	closed 17/1/2005	
Burns Road (TSO), Coventry	closed 18/1/2005	
Far Gosford Street (TSO), Coventry	closed 20/1/2005	
Stoke Green (TSO), Coventry	closed 21/1/2005.	At 59, Binley Road
Woodsetton (TSO), Dudley	closed 23/3/2005.	
Hurst Green (TSO), Halesowen	closed 1/3/2005.	
Thornhill Road (TSO), Halesowen	closed 4/4/2005.	
Bromley (TSO), Kingswinford	closed 2/2/2005.	
Boldmere Road (TSO), Sutton Coldfield	closed 4/3/2005.	
Little Aston (TSO), Sutton Coldfield	closed 22/6/2005.	Replaced Blake Street 14/4/1999.
Locarno Road (TSO), Tipton	closed 19/3/2005.	
Victoria Park (TSO), Tipton	closed 4/5/2005.	
Ablewell Street (TSO), Walsall	closed 26/1/2005.	
Harden (TSO), Bloxwich, Walsall	closed 8/2/2005.	
Little Bloxwich (TSO), Bloxwich, Walsall	closed 8/3/2005.	
The Manor (TSO), Walsall	closed 9/3/2005.	
Myatt Avenue (TSO), Aldridge, Walsall	closed 11/4/2005.	
Paul's Coppice (TSO), Brownhills, Walsall	closed 19/4/2005.	
Bearwood (TSO), Smethwick, Warley	closed 2/4/2005.	
Whiteheath (TSO), Rowley Regis, Warley	closed 26/1/2005.	
King's Hill (TSO), Wednesbury	closed 1/6/2005.	
Park Lane (TSO), Wednesbury	closed 1/6/2005.	
Wood Green (TSO), Wednesbury	closed 9/2/2005.	
West Bromwich	closed 22/6/2005.	
Charlemont Farm (TSO), West Bromwich	closed 1/3/2005.	
Churchfield (TSO), West Bromwich	closed 9/3/2005.	
St Anne's Road (TSO), Willenhall	closed 18/5/2005.	
Spon Lane (TSO), West Bromwich	closed 10/2/2005.	
Short Heath (TSO), Willenhall	closed 18/5/2005.	
Walsall Street (TSO), Willenhall	closed 16/5/2005.	At 112, Clarkes Lane.
Chapel Ash (TSO), Wolverhampton	closed 4/1/2005.	
Dudley Road (TSO), Wolverhampton	closed 19/3/2005.	
Elston (TSO), Wolverhampton	closed 4/1/2005.	
Park Village (TSO), Wolverhampton	closed 23/3/2005.	
Spring Hill (TSO), Wolverhampton	closed 16/2/2005.	
Windsor Avenue (TSO), Wolverhampton	closed 14/2/2005.	

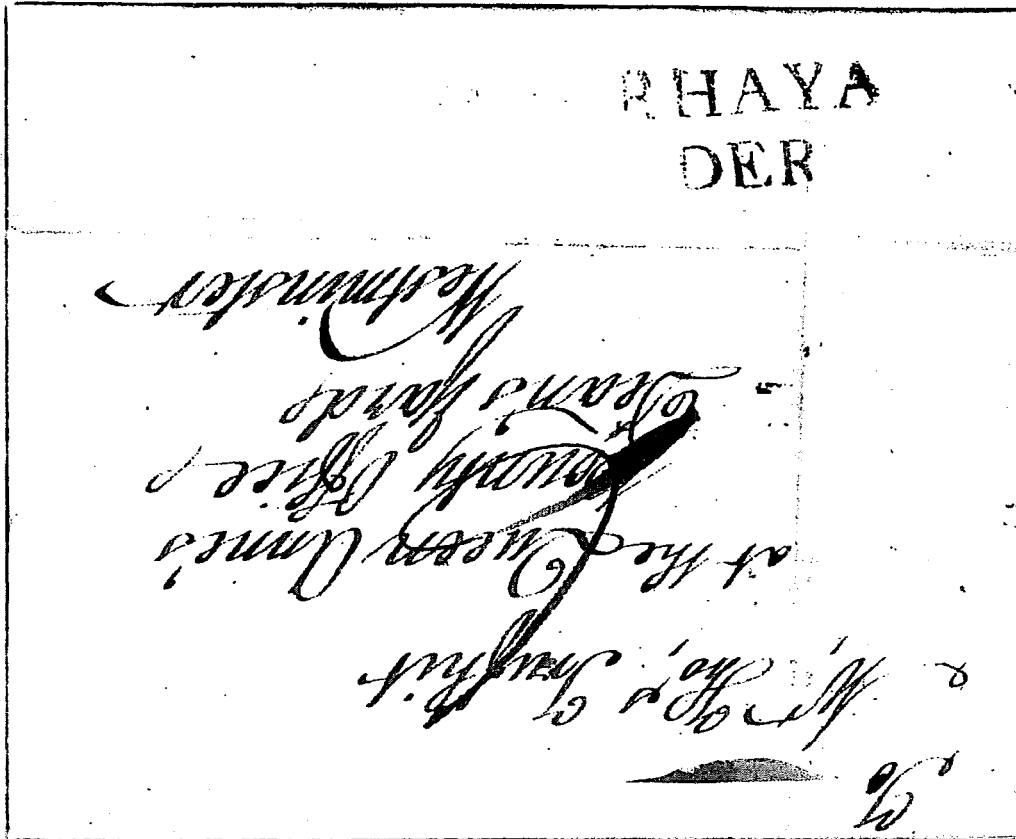
POSTMARKS OF RADNORSHIRE

by Sadie Cole

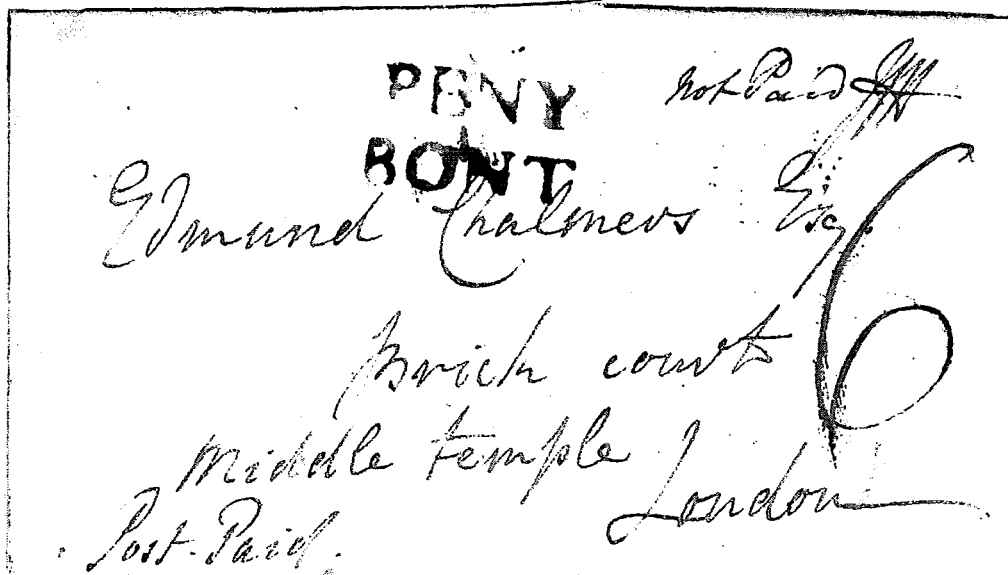
During the latter part of the eighteenth century there was a considerable extension of the postal service in Radnorshire. Until 1870, Presteigne was the only post town in the county. The first postmaster recorded for this town was John Lloyd in 1701, at a salary of £24 p.a. From at least 1675 Presteigne had been in the delivery of Hereford. By 1793, four more post towns had been established: Rhayader (1786), Penybont (1791), New Radnor (1793) and Knighton (1793).

On the 1814 Surveyors Map, Penybont and Rhayader are marked as 'R.H.' while Presteigne and New Radnor are not.

The two-line mark of Rhayader is its first mark and is recorded between 1786 and 1795. It is shown below on an entire of October 1790, at which time Rhayader received mail through Penybont and Aberystwyth.

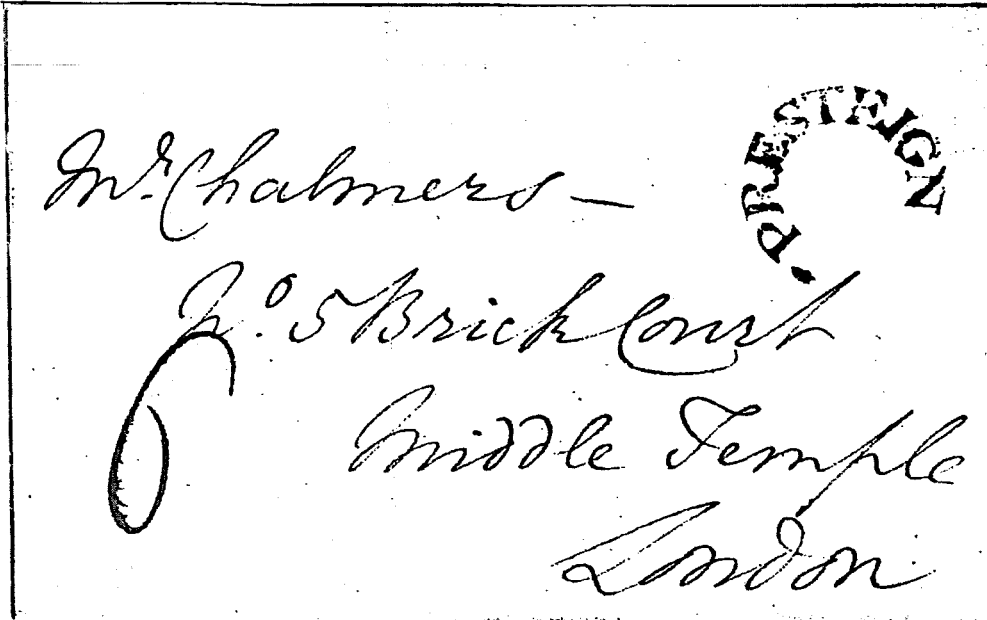


The Penybont two-line mark is recorded between 1791 and 1815. This example of June 1792 has a m/s '6' - the rate for over 150 miles. The writer has inscribed 'Post Paid', but 'JM', probably the receiver, has rejected this by writing 'Not Paid' and initialling it.



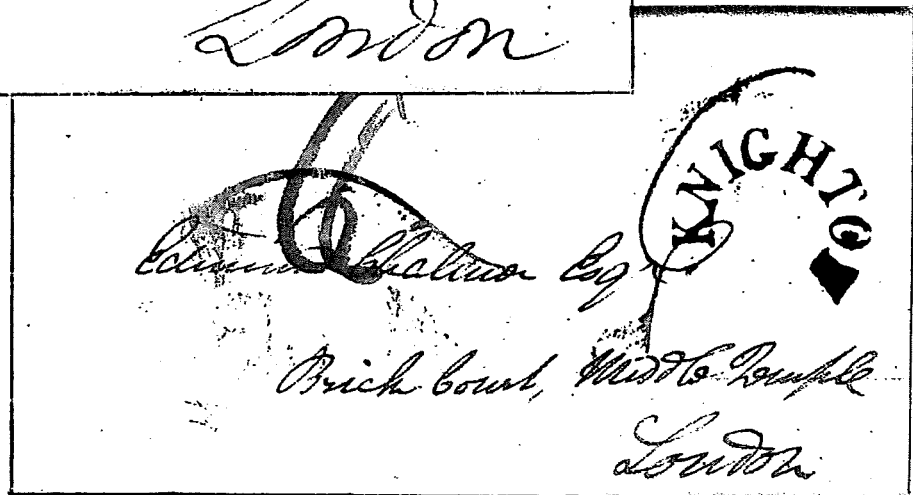
By 1790, Presteigne had been a post town for almost ninety years and the 'horseshoe' mark illustrated is the town's seventh mark. This mark is recorded in use from 1795 to 1798. The cover of 9th May 1795 shows the 26 mm handstamp and a m/s '6' for over 150 miles.

A similar mark is recorded for Knighton between 1795 and 1799. It is the first known mark of the town. The office was opened in 1793 and the handstamp may have been issued then. The letter is dated 7th August 1795. Knighton had been served three times a week from Presteigne for some time prior to the opening of the office.

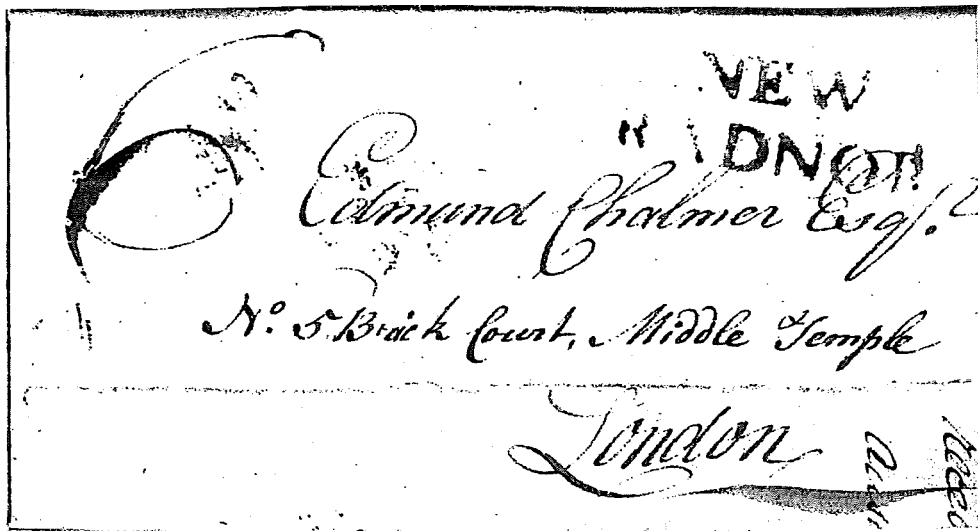


Presteigne - 9th May 1795

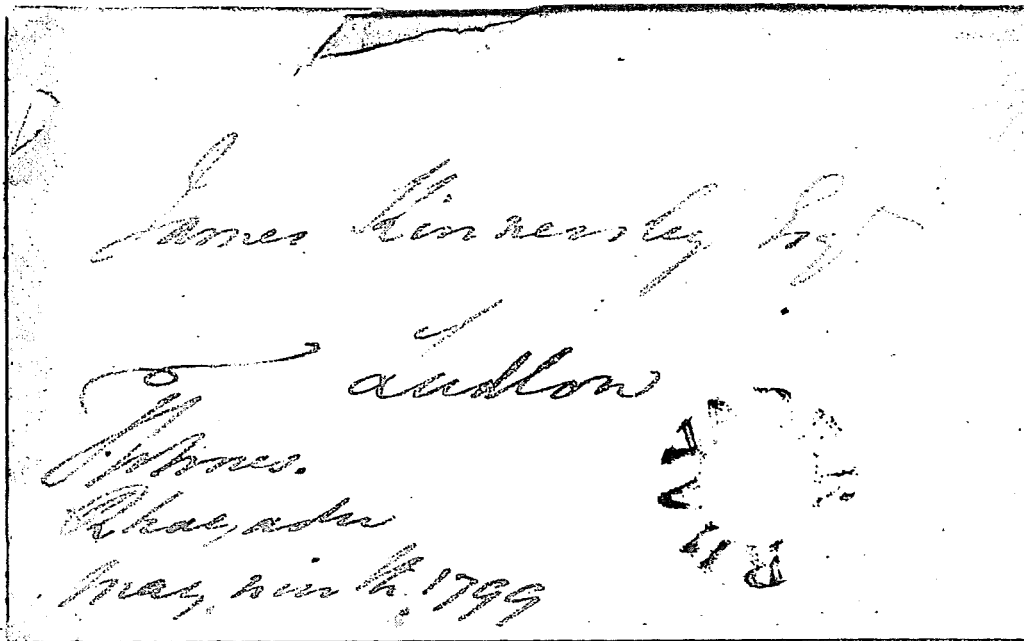
Knighton - 7th August 1795



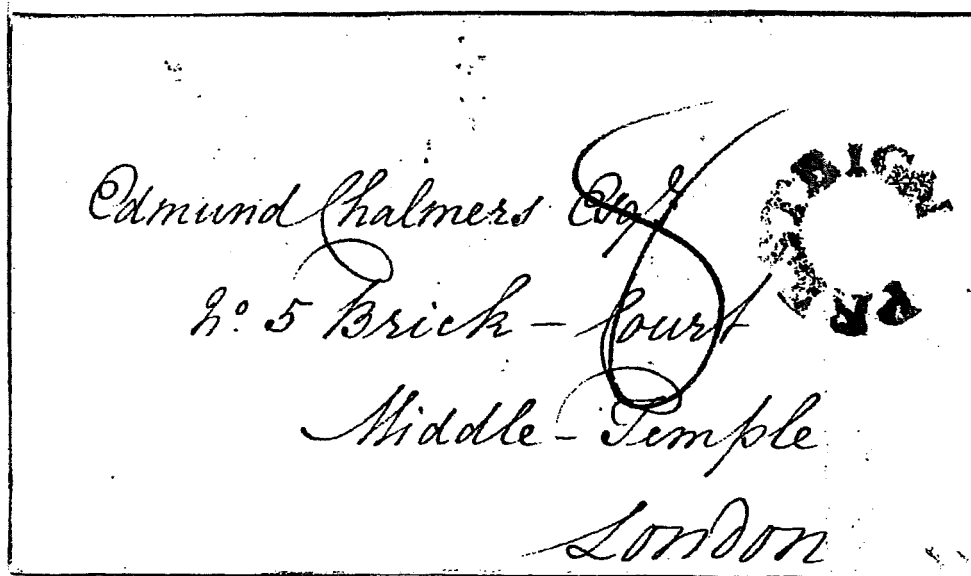
Jane Mort was appointed New Radnor's first deputy in 1786 but this two-line mark of September 1793 is the first recorded mark and has been recorded between 1793 and 1796.



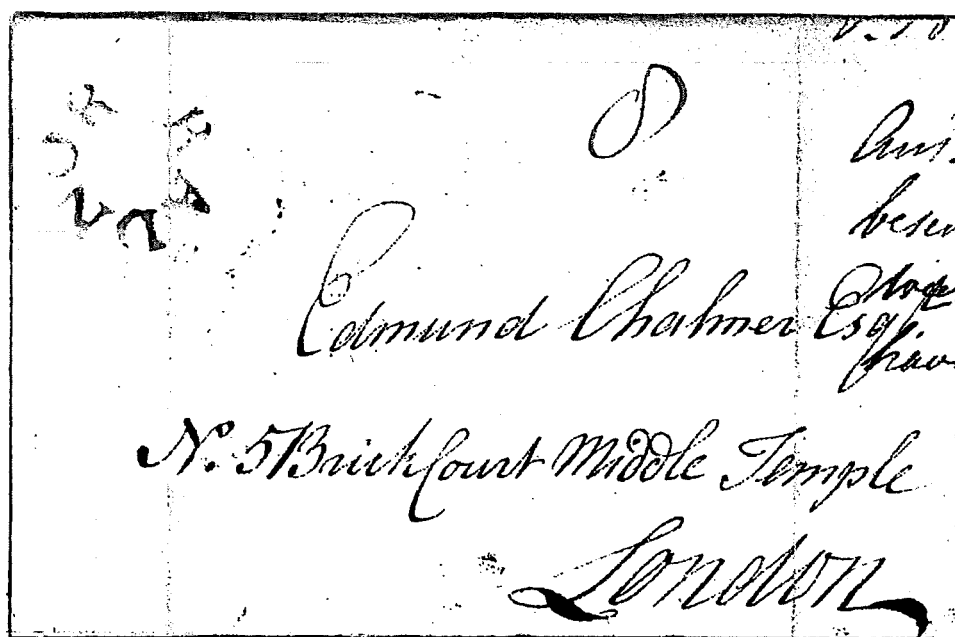
The Rhayader 'horseshoe' has been recorded in use from 1795 to 1827. The entire illustrated below, of 9th May 1799, has been endorsed by Thomas Johnnes, the M.P. for Cardiganshire, who was responsible for having the post extended to Aberystwyth. (There are several items in Archives relating to this, but that would have to be another article.)



Presteigne was issued with a slightly smaller 'horseshoe' handstamp and more research is needed to establish its period of use. It is possible it was in use as late as 1827. This example is on a letter dated August 1797. Note that the postage has increased by twopence to eightpence compared with the Presteigne letter of 1795.

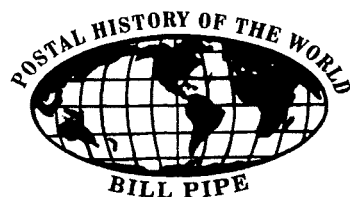


The last item, illustrated at the top of the opposite page, shows a second mark for New Radnor, but the 'NEW' has been omitted. This and all subsequent pre-1840 marks are given as 'RADNOR'. I have found no explanation for this omission. (There is an Old Radnor, a village some three miles east of New Radnor, but there is no evidence of a post office ever having been established there.) The known period of usage of this mark is short, 1797-98. The letter is dated 1st January 1798.



Between 1708 and 1790 only eight marks are recorded in use in Radnorshire - seven for Presteigne and one for Rhayder. Yet during the final decade of that century, eight further marks are known. Do other counties show a similar increase, or is it something peculiar to Radnorshire.

Editor's Note. The above article is a commentary on the entry with which Sadie won the postal history competition of the Midland Philatelic Federation.



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ROSS STRAIGHT-LINE MARKS

By Roger Broomfield

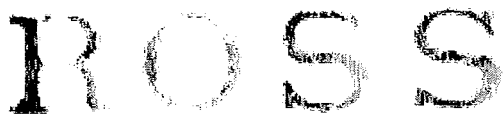
County Catalogue number HF372 is a straight-line mark measuring 24x5mm and it is recorded in use between 1794 and 1800. I had, up to a few days ago, recorded dates of 22nd May to 18th December 1800.

Recently, I have come across a few more examples of the recorded stamp - the earliest recorded date is now 25th November 1789 but of greater interest is the fact that clear strikes now indicate that two stamps, both 24x5mm can be seen to have been used. The earlier shows the letters "S" inclined slightly clockwise while in the later stamps they are upright while the letter "R" in the two stamps are differently shaped and seriffed. The stamps are shown somewhat enlarged below-



This example is from 12th April 1795.

I have recorded this mark in use between 25th November 1789 and 12th April 1795



This example is from 4th April 1799.

I have recorded this mark in use between 4th April 1799 and 18th December 1800.

THE NEXT MIDLAND MAIL

It is intended that this will be distributed at about the end of March. It will contain the usual reports. As for the rest, that depends upon what is sent to ;

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AMENDMENTS TO THE USAGE PAGES OF THE SOCIETY'S UDC BOOK

The usage pages of four of the counties in the Society's UDC book have now appeared in 'Midland Mail'. Northamptonshire was in Number 140, Herefordshire in 141, Staffordshire in 142 and Nottinghamshire is in this issue, number 143. It is anticipated that Birmingham will appear next. To date, the amended pages have appeared with a 2005 date, to indicate when the amendments were incorporated. Henceforth, they will bear the new year's date.

Because the counties are being tackled piecemeal, co-ordination between the data for offices appearing in more than one county may not be as thorough as one hopes it was in the original publication. However, there has been little or no overlap to date and the situation will improve as more counties are amended.

Inevitably, some of the new information will affect the Office Lists. These are not being updated at this time and members may care to make handwritten changes to the Lists in their copies if they wish them to be accurate.

Editor's Note: I would like to encourage members to report any changes in the usage data in the that they have encountered in the remaining counties to the appropriate County Editor as soon as possible. This will facilitate the publication of the amendments.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

OLLERTON	C2*				B	24DEC32- 2JAN40
					GR	29MAY40
RETFORD	C2*	31MAY30	Retford	1/163	B	27JUN33-26MAY40
WORKSOP	C2*	31MAY30	Worksop	1/207	B	3SEP32-12JUN38
SOUTHWELL	C2	3JUL34	Southwell	2/130	B	<u>24NOV34-18SEP40.</u>
ILKESTON	C2	3JUN41	Nottingham	5/2	B	4JUL42- 56
SOUTHWELL	C2M	20AUG41	Southwell	5/22	B	8JUN44-17FEB45
						Note 1.
BINGHAM	C2	11DEC41	Nottingham	5/55	B	23AUG42-31JAN43
NEWTON	C2	29DEC41	Newark	5/61	B	30APR42- 7JAN50
WINTHORPE	C2	29DEC41	Newark	5/61	B	<u>30NOV54</u>
COLLINGHAM	C2	29DEC41	Newark	5/62	B	<u>17JUN43-16AUG51</u>
BESTHORPE	C2	29DEC41	Newark	5/63	B	19NOV50- 9DEC51.
SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD	C2	3FEB42	Mansfield	5/72	B	25APR42
					BL/GR	11JAN49-24AUG49
STAPLEFORD	C2	17MAR42	Derby	5/81	B	31JUL42- <u>9SEP45</u>
					BL	6JUL49
					GR	26JAN58
GRINGLEY	C1	17MAR42	Bawtry	5/81		
CARLTON-UPON-TRENT	C2	22APR42	Newark	5/87	B	<u>28MAY43-18MAR54</u>
					BL	<u>5JAN60</u>
DUNHAM	C2	11JUL42	Newark	5/106	B	48-27APR50
WHITWELL	C2	11JUL42	Chesterfield	5/106	B	30MAY43- 6JUN48
					GR	13APR58
BASFORD	C2	17JAN44	Nottingham	7/18	R	<u>3JUL44</u>
					B	<u>30NOV48-19FEB53</u>
BULWELL	C2	17JAN44	Nottingham	7/18	B	23JUL48
EASTWOOD	C2	17JAN44	Nottingham	7/18	OR/R	<u>9FEB45- 6FEB50</u>
HUCKNALL-FORKARD	C2	17JAN44	Nottingham	7/18		Note 2.
WATNALL	C2	17JAN44	Nottingham	7/18	B	45-13DEC46
					R	<u>3JUL44-27APR48</u>
BUNNY	C2	21FEB44	Nottingham	7/29	R	30NOV45- <u>1NOV49</u>
RUDDINGTON	C2	24FEB44	Nottingham	7/30	R	2SEP48
					B	<u>5APR55-15SEP57</u>
					BL	<u>28OCT59- 3DEC59.</u>
BECKINGHAM	C2	24FEB44	Newark	7/30	BL	<u>10JAN45</u>
BRANT-BROUGHTON	C2	24FEB44	Newark	7/30	B	6AUG59
STOCKWITH	C2	24FEB44	Guisborough	7/30	B	27JUN48 Note 3.
WALKERINGHAM	C2	24FEB44	Guisborough	7/30		Note 3.
MATTERSEA	C1	13JUN44	Bawtry	7/71	BL	<u>5JAN46</u>
					R	<u>18DEC47</u> Note 4.
					B	48- 49
BLYTH	C1	20JUL44	Worksop	7/81	BL	51-17MAR57
CARLTON	C1	20JUL44	Worksop	7/81	BR	49- 9AUG52
					B	9AUG52-23JUL59
					BL	19DEC57 Note 5.
CUCKNEY	C1	23JUL44	Mansfield	7/82	B	<u>3JAN45</u>
MANSFIELD-WOODHOUSE	C1	23JUL44	Mansfield	7/82	B	<u>19JUN45-21MAR54</u>
					BL/GR	<u>10FEB56-14APR57</u>
EAST-BRIDGEFORD	C1	22AUG44	Nottingham	7/90	B	29JUN45-10MAY48
					BL/GR	<u>15DEC45</u>
					GR	48
					BL	6JAN54
					Y/BR	<u>4SEP55- 4OCT55</u>

Notes:

1. UDC 2/130 fitted with date slugs but not used as CDS before 1846.
2. Spelling error - Hucknall Torkard.
3. Post Town likely to be Gainsborough.
4. Spelling error - should be Mattersey.
5. Carlton in Linderick.

LENTON	C1	22AUG44	Nottingham	7/90	R	<u>21AUG45-19MAR52</u>
BEESTON	C1	22AUG44	Nottingham	7/90	R	<u>30NOV48-19MAR51</u>
					GR	52
BURTON-JOYCE	C1	22AUG44	Nottingham	7/90	B	23NOV52
CARLTON	C1	22AUG44	Nottingham	7/90	B	46-29AUG49
ARNOLD	C1	7NOV44	Nottingham	7/105	BL	23NOV49
EPPESTONE	C1	7NOV44	Nottingham	7/105	BL	<u>3DEC48-</u> 52
					BL/GR	10MAY52
CARRINGTON	C1	7NOV44	Nottingham	7/105	BL/GR	<u>23SEP56</u>
RADCLIFFE	C1	7NOV44	Nottingham	7/105	R	<u>24FEB57</u> Note 6.
CALVERTON	C1	7NOV44	Nottingham	7/105	<u>BL/B</u>	<u>10AUG48</u>
SNEINTON	C1	13NOV44	Nottingham	7/107	R	<u>6JUN55-</u> 59
					B	24AUG57
RADFORD	C1	13NOV44	Nottingham	7/107	R	<u>30JAN45-26AUG46</u>
					BL	<u>31DEC52-12NOV55</u>
MANSFIELD-ROAD	C1	13NOV44	Nottingham	7/107		
BOTTESFORD	C1	8MAY45	Nottingham	7/144	<u>GR</u>	<u>APR46-26SEP48</u>
					BL	<u>21OCT51-23AUG52.</u>
COLSTON-BASSETT	C1	14MAY45	Nottingham	7/146	BL	?
CROPWELL-BUTLER	C1	14MAY45	Nottingham	7/146	B	24FEB54
					BL	27NOV56
SUTTON	C1	13AUG45	Loughborough	7/170	BL	<u>12MAY49-31MAR52</u>
						Note 7.
ORSTON	C1	13AUG45	Bingham	7/170	BL/GR	<u>24APR49-</u> 53
WHATTON	C1	13AUG45	Bingham	7/170		
GAMSTON	C1	1NOV45	Retford	7/186	R	2NOV48
SAUNDBY	C1	1NOV45	Retford	7/186	R	27MAY46
					<u>B</u>	<u>20NOV48</u>
SUTTON	C1	22DEC45	Newark	7/200	<u>BR</u>	<u>7JAN51</u> Note 8.
PLUMTREE	C1	22DEC45	Nottingham	7/201		
FARNSFIELD	C1	28JAN46	Newark	7/209	GR	1NOV55
EDWINSTOWE	C1	8APR46	Ollerton	7/228		
RUFFORD	C1	8APR46	Ollerton	7/228		
REMPSTONE	C1	24APR46	Loughborough	7/233	BL	14NOV49
					BL/GR	13SEP55
EAST-LEAKE	C1	24APR46	Loughborough	7/233	GR	<u>13JAN46-28FEB57</u>
						Note 9.
CLAYPOLE	C1	5SEP46	Newark	7/265	B	18SEP56
BASSINGHAM	C1	5NOV46	Newark	7/276	<u>BL/GR</u>	<u>15OCT59</u>
EGMANTON	C1	5NOV46	Newark	7/276		
CAUNTON	C1	13NOV46	Newark	7/279		
SOUTH-MUSKHAM	C1	13NOV46	Newark	7/279	B	7APR49- 6NOV55.
SANDIACRE	C1	9FEB47	Derby	9/9	GR	<u>19AUG47-16NOV58</u>
KNEESAL	C1	1MAY47	Newark	9/33	B	23OCT51
EAKRING	C1	1MAY47	Newark	9/33	<u>BL</u>	<u>28JUL53</u>
WALESBY	C1	23MAY47	Ollerton	9/39	<u>GR</u>	51
NEWINGTON	<u>C1</u>	<u>1JUN47</u>	<u>Bawtry</u>	<u>9/46</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>16NOV47</u>
COLGRAVE	C1	30SEP47	Nottingham	9/82		Note 10.
TOLLERTON	C1	30SEP47	Nottingham	9/82		
GOTHAM	C1	28OCT47	Derby	9/94		
KINGSTONE	C1	28OCT47	Derby	9/94	BL	<u>15MAY49-31JUL56</u>
COTGRAVE	C1	22NOV47	Nottingham	9/100		
KELHAM	C1	22NOV47	Newark	9/100	B	12JAN49-21OCT59.
FISKERTON	C1	22NOV47	Newark	9/100	B	26MAR49-23AUG51
THURGARTON	C1	22NOV47	Newark	9/101		
KIRKLINGTON	C1	16DEC47	Newark	9/108		

Notes:

6. Radcliffe on Trent.
7. Sutton Bonnington.
8. Sutton on Trent.
9. Reported JAN46 usage is suspect.
10. Spelling error - Cotgrave. See 9/100 below.

UPTON	C1	16DEC47	Newark	9/108	B	21DEC48-10FEB51
					R	<u>23OCT52</u>
PLEASLEY	C1	8JAN48	Mansfield	9/114	BL	?
SCARCLIFFE	C1	8JAN48	Mansfield	9/114		
HARTHILL	C1	12FEB48	Sheffield	9/122		
SELSTON	C1	12FEB48	Alfreton	9/127		
EVERTON	C1	26MAR48	Bawtry	9/136	BL	53
MISSON	C1	26MAR48	Bawtry	9/136	R	2NOV49
HYSON-GREEN	C1	26MAR48	Nottingham	9/137	GR	26MAY56- <u>15SEP56</u> .
					BL	<u>8JUL58</u>
OLD-RADFORD	C1	26MAR48	Nottingham	9/137	R	31MAY58
					BL	51
BARKSTONE	C1	4MAY48	Grantham	9/144		Note 11.
GRANBY	C1	4MAY48	Grantham	9/144	GR	?
HOVERINGHAM	C1	24MAY48	Nottingham	9/150	GR	4JAN55
LOWDHAM	C1	24MAY48	Nottingham	9/150	BL	<u>22JUL53</u>
SHELTON	C1	29JUN48	Newark	9/163		
NEWTON	C1				B	7DEC50- 8NOV53
						Note 12.
SOUTH-LEVERTON	C1	29JUN48	Retford	9/164	BR	58
STURTON	C1	29JUN48	Retford	9/164		
FLINTHAM	C1	4JUL48	Newark	9/167		
EAST-STOKE	C1	4JUL48	Newark	9/167	B	29DEC49- <u>22MAR51</u> .
MOOR-GREEN	C1	4OCT48	Nottingham	9/183		
OXTON	C1	2OCT48	Newark	9/184		
BARTON	C1	14APR49	Nottingham	9/243	BL	15SEP52- <u>16JAN54</u>
BRAMCOTE	C1	11MAY49	Derby	9/252	BL	10JAN55
KIRKBY	C1	6JUN49	Mansfield	10/8		
LOUND	C1	19JUN49	Retford	10/16		
EAST-MARKHAM	C1	5JUL49	Tuxford	10/20	BL/GR	18SEP52
THORNTON	C1	10MAY50	Nottingham	10/91		Note 13.
BLIDWORTH	C1	11JUN50	Mansfield	10/92	R	52
THOROTON	C1	JUL50		10/97		
RANSKILL	C1	20OCT50	Bawtry	10/111	B	24MAR52
LETWELL	C1	8NOV50	Worksop	10/117	B	27JUL59
BALDERTON	C1	6DEC50		10/127		Note 14.
SAXONDALE	C1	12DEC50	Nottingham	10/128		
CUCKNEY	C1	9JAN51	Mansfield	10/140		
EAGLE	C1	24APR51	Newark	10/194		
EAKRING	C1	28MAY51	Newark	10/207		
WOLLATON	C1	24JUL51	Nottingham	10/223	BL	52- 53.
ELTON	C1	JUL52	Nottingham	11/87	BL/GR	53- <u>2DEC58</u>
					B	57-26NOV60
CLIFTON	C1	APR52	Newark	11/158		
WELLOW	C1	JAN54	Newark	12/21	BL	6OCT54
					B	<u>8MAR59</u>
NUTTALL	C1	APR54	Nottingham	12/45		Note 15.
KIMBERLEY	C1	APR54	Nottingham	12/45		
CINDERHILL	C1	APR54	Nottingham	12/46		
BRINSLEY	C1	cJUL54		12/90		Note 16.
HUCKNALL	C1	cJUL54		12/90	BL/GR	54- <u>19JUN56</u>
					B	17NOV56 Note 16.

Notes:

11. Intended for Barkestone (Leics) and not Barkston, near Grantham.
12. Appears to be the C2 mark (5/61) re-cut.
13. Spelling error - Thoroton - see 10/97 below.
14. Probably sent to Newark.
15. Spelling error - should be Nuthall.
16. Probably sent to Alfreton. ('Hucknall' is Hucknall Huthwaite.)

BABWORTH	C1	cJUL54		12/90		Note 17.
RANBY	C1	cJUL54		12/90		Note 17.
CLARBOROUGH	C1	cJUL54		12/90		Note 17.
BARMBY-MOOR	C1	cJUL54		12/90	B	19JAN58 Notes 17&18.
ELKESLEY	C1	cJUL54		12/90		Note 17.
CARLTON	C1	cAUG54		12/105	B	<u>57-</u> 5JAN60 Note 19.
MISTERTON	C1	1FEB55	Gainsborough	12/155		
CLAYWORTH	C1	1FEB55	Bawtry	12/160		
WARSOP	C1	30MAR55	Mansfield	12/181		
LANGWITH	C1	30MAR55	Mansfield	12/181		
NORTON	C1	30MAR55	Mansfield	12/181	B	6DEC58
BASFORD	C1	5OCT55	Nottingham	12/253		
RAMPTON	C1	11JUN56	Newark	13/21	B	29APR57-29JUN58
HICKLING	C1	29JUL56	Melton Mowbray	13/47		
TROWELL	C1	29JUL56	Nottingham	13/47		
KNEESAL	C1	29JUL56	Newark	13/48	BL/GR	6JAN58
NEW-BASFORD	C1	8AUG56	Nottingham	13/57		
NORMANTON	C1	12SEP56	Loughborough	13/69	<u>BL</u> B	<u>12AUG58</u> <u>15APR59</u> Note 20.
STANFORD	C1	12SEP56	Loughborough	13/69		
SNEINTON-ELEMENTS	C1	13NOV56	Nottingham	13/97		
NORWELL	C1	17DEC56	Newark	13/111		
SWINDERBY	C1	17DEC56	Newark	13/111		
FARNON	C1	17DEC56	Newark	13/111	<u>B</u>	<u>5FEB57</u>
SNEINTON	C1	20FEB57	Nottingham	13/152		
RADFORD	C1	20FEB57	Nottingham	13/152	<u>B</u>	<u>22APR57</u>
BRAMCOTE	C1	1APR57	Derby	13/201		
BECKINGHAM	C1	2APR57	Gainsborough	13/201		
NEWTORPE	C1*	8JUN57	Nottingham	13/246		
LINBY	C1*	8JUN57	Nottingham	13/246	B	15AUG58-24AUG59.
WEST-BRIDGEFORD	C1*	8JUN57	Nottingham	13/246		
MUSTON	C1*	8JUN57	Nottingham	13/246		
REDMILE	C1*	8JUN57	Nottingham	13/246	B	25NOV57- <u>6JAN59</u> Note 21.
ROBBERS-MILL	C1*	8JUN57	Nottingham	13/246		
STRELLY	C1*	8JUN57	Nottingham	13/246		
OLD-LENTON	C1*	8JUN57	Nottingham	13/246	B	11JAN58-28OCT58.
CHILWELL	C1*	8JUN57	Nottingham	13/246	B	26OCT59
STATION-RD	C1*	19JUN57	Worksop	13/262	<u>BL</u>	<u>13FEB60</u>
EAST-BRIDGEFORD	C4	7AUG57	Nottingham	14/8	<u>B</u>	<u>28FEB60</u>
RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT	C4	7AUG57	Nottingham	14/8		
NEW-LENTON	C4	7AUG57	Nottingham	14/12	GR	13JUL58-13JAN59 Note 22.
HUCKNELL-TORKARD	C4	7AUG57	Nottingham	14/12		
DERBY-RD	C4	27AUG57	Nottingham	14/12	B	4JUN58-16AUG59.
					BL	59
OLD-RADFORD	C4	27AUG57	Nottingham	14/12	R	31MAY58
					BL	58
BULWELL	C4	27AUG57	Nottingham	14/14		
BURTON-JOYCE	C4	27AUG57	Nottingham	14/14	B	14APR59
MOOR-GREEN	C4	27AUG57	Nottingham	14/14		
WATNALL	C4	27AUG57	Nottingham	14/14		
CARRINGTON	C4	27AUG57	Nottingham	14/14	B	22JAN59.
ARNOLD	C4	27AUG57	Nottingham	14/14		
CALVERTON	C4	27AUG57	Nottingham	14/14		

Notes:

17. Probably sent to Retford.
18. Spelling error - now Barnby Moor.
19. Probably sent to Worksop.
20. Normanton on Soar.
21. Spelling error: Bobbers Mill.
22. Spelling error: Hucknall Torkard.

MAPPERLEY	C4	17AUG57	Nottingham	14/14	B	<u>29FEB60</u>
PLUMTREE	C4	1SEP57	Nottingham	14/11	BL	<u>7NOV59</u>
COTGRAVE	C4	1SEP57	Nottingham	14/11		
THOROTON	C4	10SEP57	Nottingham	14/22		
WHATTON	C4	10SEP57	Nottingham	14/22		
ARSTON	C4	10SEP57	Nottingham	14/22		
MANSFIELD•WOODHOUSE	C4	28SEP57	Mansfield	14/37	BL	Note 23. 8NOV57-26MAR58
					B/GR	27MAR58-14APR58
					B	10SEP59
ORDSALL	C4	20OCT57	Retford	14/56		
REMPSTONE	C4	22OCT57	Loughborough	14/61		
SUTTONBONNINGTON	C4	22OCT57	Loughborough	14/61		
GRINGLEY	C4	10DEC57	Bawtry	14/99	GR	58
NEWTON	C4	10DEC57	Newark	14/105	?	1JUN58
					BL/GR	8MAR60
BASSINGHAM	C4	11DEC57	Newark	14/106		
BALDERTON	C4	11DEC57	Newark	14/106		
CLAYPOLE	C4	11DEC57	Newark	14/106		
EAST-STOKE	C4	11DEC57	Newark	14/106		
FLINTHAM	C4	11DEC57	Newark	14/106		
SOUTH-MUSKHAM	C4	30DEC57	Newark	14/112		
EAKRING	C4	30DEC57	Newark	14/116		
CAUNTON	C4	30DEC57	Newark	14/116		
STAPLEFORD	D1	5FEB58	Derby	14/140		
WOODBOROUGH	D1	13FEB58	Nottingham	14/145		
BASINGFIELD	D1	31MAR58	Nottingham	14/183		
MISSON	D4	10MAY58	Bawtry	14/221		
EVERTON	D4	14MAY58	Bawtry	14/221		
RANSKILL	D1	10MAY58	Bawtry	14/221		
MATTERSEY	D1	10MAY58	Bawtry	14/221		
SKEGBY	D4	17OCT58	Mansfield	16/60		
FACKLEY	D4	17OCT58	Mansfield	16/60	B	<u>28OCT59.</u>
BAGTHORPE	D1	18OCT58	Mansfield	16/60		
BLYTH	D4	5NOV58	Worksoy	16/82		
BURNHAM/NOTTS	D2	7DEC58	Bawtry	16/104		Note 24.
BURNHAM/ LINCOLNSHIRE	D2	15DEC58	Bawtry	16/114		Note 24.
SHIREBROOK	D1	14JAN59	Mansfield	16/139		
CLARBOROUGH	D1	1FEB59	Retford	16/151		
RANBY	D4	1FEB59	Retford	16/151		
WALKERINGHAM	D1	19APR59	Gainsborough	18/24		
WEST-STOCKWITH	D1	19APR59	Gainsborough	18/24		
WYSALL	D4	4MAY59	Nottingham	18/39		
WESTHORPE	D1	13JUL59	Southwell	18/73		

Notes:

23. Spelling error: Orston.
 24. Returned wrongly engraved 'Notts' and
 a new stamp sent 15 December 58.