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We are pleased to welcome the following new members: 2205 Marcel Nadal, France; 2206 Roy L White, West Sussex; 2207 Anthony M Tyrer, Herts.

Re-joined: 163, Anthony Bard, West Sussex.

Sadly, we regret to record the death of 2153, Robert 'Snip' Guille who joined the Society in 2016.

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## Editorial

Some of the restrictions which have dogged our lives for so long now are easing and we can look forward to further meetings. Many of you have made contributions to your Journal and new articles, news etc are always welcome.

Demand for good Channel Islands material remains as buoyant as ever with Occupation items remaining very popular. Look out for the forthcoming Society auctions which are always a good and very reasonable source. There is some exciting new material coming up in our Autumn postal auction resulting from some members' deceased estates.

This is a packed forty page edition which I trust you will enjoy.

## **SECRETARY'S CLIPBOARD**

by Richard Flemming

What with all the trials and tribulations of the Covid-19 pandemic and all the restrictions imposed on societies, it was so good to see so many members at our first face-to-face meeting at the Royal Philatelic Society London on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July. Please see the photo on the "News" page of the society's website ([www.ciss.uk](http://www.ciss.uk)). Thank you to all those members who brought material for us to view. A write-up of the day is printed in this edition. The next event will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September (see below) and I look forward to meeting you there. Further details about the AGM will be posted on the society website early in September (see website details above) and the Minutes of the 2020 AGM can be found in the March 2021 edition of *Les Iles Normandes*. Looking further afield, the 2022 Member's Weekend will go ahead from Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April at the Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough. Further information will be available with the December edition of *Les Iles Normandes*.

Can you help our Society as we are looking for a Competition Secretary to manage our Annual Competitions Day? If you are interested, then please contact me at [secretary@ciss.uk](mailto:secretary@ciss.uk) and I will forward the job specification.

### **Forthcoming meetings for 2021**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2021 AGM and room auction/displays

4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Members Meeting. Theme: Letters Q, R and /or S

### **Forthcoming meetings for early 2022**

5<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Annual Competitions and room auction/displays

22<sup>nd</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Members Weekend Meeting at the Three Swans, Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

Unless stated otherwise, all Members' Meetings are held at the Royal Philatelic Society London, 15 Abchurch Lane, London, EC4N 7BW and start at 10.30am with tea and coffee, with the formal Member's Meeting programme commencing at 11.00am, commencing with a room auction.

**Please note that these dates may be subject to cancellation if the Covid-19 pandemic situation changes. Please view the [www.ciss.uk](http://www.ciss.uk) site for updates.**

## News of Members

Congratulations to Alan Moorcroft FRPSL and Gerald Marriner FRPSL on their elevation to Fellows of the Society of Postal Historians.

**Midpex 2021** – held at the Warwick Events Centre, Leamington Spa.

This Society was represented at Midpex with a Stand manned by David



Winnie, Gerald Marriner FRPSL and Richard Flemming held on Saturday, 3rd July. Not surprisingly, due to the Covid pandemic, attendance was down, but it was good to see several C.I.S.S. members there. A range of society books sold well making the attendance very worthwhile.

## **2021 GUERNSEY MONTHLY MEETINGS**

CISS and RPSL members are welcome to attend monthly meetings in Guernsey, contact John Triggs on 01481 725847 or [guern1974@cwgsy.net](mailto:guern1974@cwgsy.net) for details. Meetings held on last Friday evening of the month, starting at 7pm now at Les Rocquettes Hotel, Les Gravees, St Peter Port, GY1 1RN, if you are in Guernsey why not come along. Next dates are: 24th September, 29th October and 26th November.

## CISS MEETING REPORT AT THE ROYAL 24th JULY 2021

by Richard Flemming

On Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021, after a gap of seventeen months, fifteen members and two guests attended the first Member's meeting following easing of Covid restrictions at the Royal Philatelic Society London.

The formal meeting started with our usual room auction, which consisted of 68 lots. In all, two-thirds of the lots were sold with the best item, a 1941 letter from Von Schmettow, Commander of the German forces in the Channel Islands, selling for £110 from a starting price of £30. The auction was then followed by members' displays, with the theme being "The Smaller Channel Islands" or "Any recent acquisitions". Ten members provided displays. Due to limited space only brief details of each display will be given. **David Laurillard** provided three frames titled "Views of the Channel Islands" including Herm, Jethou and Brechou. **Mark Bailey** showed further examples from his George Campbell collection, including a neat item from Newfoundland to Jersey. **Steve Wells** provided eight sheets of new acquisitions, including an item from Herm to Austria bearing Herm 'stamps' and a 5d Guernsey 'regional'. **Nick Stuart** provided three sheets of Alderney, including a 3-barred 965 'numeral' handstamp alongside an ALDERNEY/A/OC 1/90 double-circle

datestamp.

**Gerald Marriner** also provided us with recent acquisitions, which included a scarce civilian feldpost 1942 cover from Jersey addressed to Clermont Ferrand in Vichy France with **INADMIS** cachet and a handwritten pink label stating

'Zone **not** occupied' with boxed '**RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR**' handstamp beside, returned to Jersey. **Richard Flemming** then showed items of mail to and from the occupation forces based on Alderney 1940 – 1945, including a registered letter from the 4<sup>th</sup> Battery mixed-flak unit bearing Feldpost No. 46048. **Alan Whittaker** followed with some interesting 'recent acquisitions' including an early Red Cross Message Form to Sark signed by Bradshaw and an envelope bearing a previously unseen, **BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY LISBON** handstamp. **David Gurney** provided four sheets including an attractive hand painted 1933 illustrated envelope to Texas enclosing a 1931 card of Sark Tourist details signed

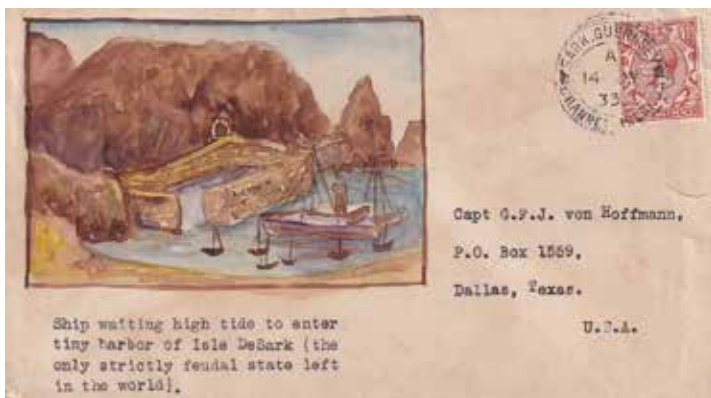




by the Dame of Sark, both shown on these pages. A similar scarce hand painted Sark cover is in the next CISS postal auction shortly.

Following lunch **David Winnie** provided a comprehensive 88-sheet display of Alderney from 1847 – 2006 including the rare ALDERNEY undated double arc and, maybe the even rarer, ALDERNEY 'skeleton' datestamp on postcard also shown in slightly reduced format on this page.

Finally, **Jon Aitchison** provided a ten frame colourful display of Herm material including artwork, proofs, rejected designs and postally used examples of the Herm 1954 Flora and Fauna triangular stamps, but how many collectors actually have the Perkins Bacon Co. envelopes they came in?





**‘Pioneer Aviation in the Channel Islands’ Vol. One ERRATUM**  
by Roger E Harris



**Previous page:**

**Sea Eagle G-EBGS *Sarnia* on the careening hard in St. Peter Port harbour, Guernsey after having been sunk on the night of 14 December 1926 following a collision with a ship that was moored close by.  
(The three postcards are from the collection of Dave and Moira Edwards.)**

While recently reviewing my book, I was embarrassed to discover that the three photographs on page 78 of Sea Eagle G-EBGS *Sarnia* on the careening hard in St. Peter Port harbour, Guernsey, do not relate to her accident in 1923 when first purchased by the British Marine Air Navigation Co. Ltd. (B.M.A.N.Co.), but actually illustrate her final demise on the night of 14 December 1926, as related on page 99. She was then in the employment of Imperial Airways Ltd. and sank at her mooring during the night following a collision with a large vessel on an adjacent mooring. These three rare sepia photographic postcards of the Sea Eagle are in the Guernsey collection of Dave and Moira Edwards who kindly supplied me with high resolution scans for publication in the book. (The 'rotters' would not sell me the originals – I can't think why not!)



**Sister Sea Eagle G-EBGR flying over Southampton Water rendered in the accurate Imperial Airways Ltd. colours of silver and blue by the famous aviation artist Koike Shigeo. (This image is much reduced in size)**

When the Sea Eagles were acquired from B.M.A.N.Co. by Imperial Airways Ltd. the hull colour was changed from brown to dark blue and the prows were emblazoned with large white letters proclaiming, “IMPERIAL AIRWAYS Ltd.”. Unfortunately, these hull colours of brown and blue do not display differently in a sepia photograph and this is partly why I failed to correctly identify G-EBGS in Imperial Airways Ltd. colours. The only true colour rendition of a Sea Eagle in Imperial Airways Ltd. colours is the stunning acrylic painting by the aviation artist Koike Shigeo that is reproduced on page 107 of the book.

Imperial Airways Ltd. were very concerned about their public image and safety record; their own publicity postcards proclaimed the airline “The Safest in the World”. Even though the sinking of G-EBGS had been the innocent fouling of the craft by a boat during the night when unattended, and not the fault of Imperial Airways Ltd., the airline went to great lengths to stop any photographs of the damaged seaplane being published that might identify it as an Imperial Airways Ltd. craft. I had long wondered why the photographs show a bizarre washing line of garments hanging across the prow of the craft as these would not have been stored on the seaplane overnight, but it was only recently when enlarging one of the images that I saw the letter “A” of IMPERIAL appearing between two of the garments.



**Enlargement from postcard 3 showing the letter “A” of IMPERIAL  
on the prow of G-EBGS**

I now realised that the “washing line” was an attempt by the airline to hide the name “IMPERIAL AIRWAYS Ltd.” on the prow of the craft from prying eyes and photographers. It worked because for several years I have mis-identified when the photographs were taken and attributed them to *Sarnia*’s accident in 1923 rather than her death in 1926.

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**The Vale Road, Guernsey Type 2 single circle datestamp by Nick Stuart.**



In David Gurney's 1996 book *The Postal History of Guernsey Sub-Post Offices*, in the Vale Road section, the earliest date of use is given for the type 2 datestamp as the 8th November 1898. However, I have just bought a cover from Winchester with a clear backstamp of OC 4 98 just pre-dating



this. Can any member extend this new earliest date of use?

## **CISS banking goes Online**

Your Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the Society's banking arrangements have joined the twenty-first century and now offer online banking services.

The Society remains with Lloyds Bank and its bank account number remains the same (sort code 30-92-16, account number 00571261) and being online now enables more efficient management of the Society's accounts.

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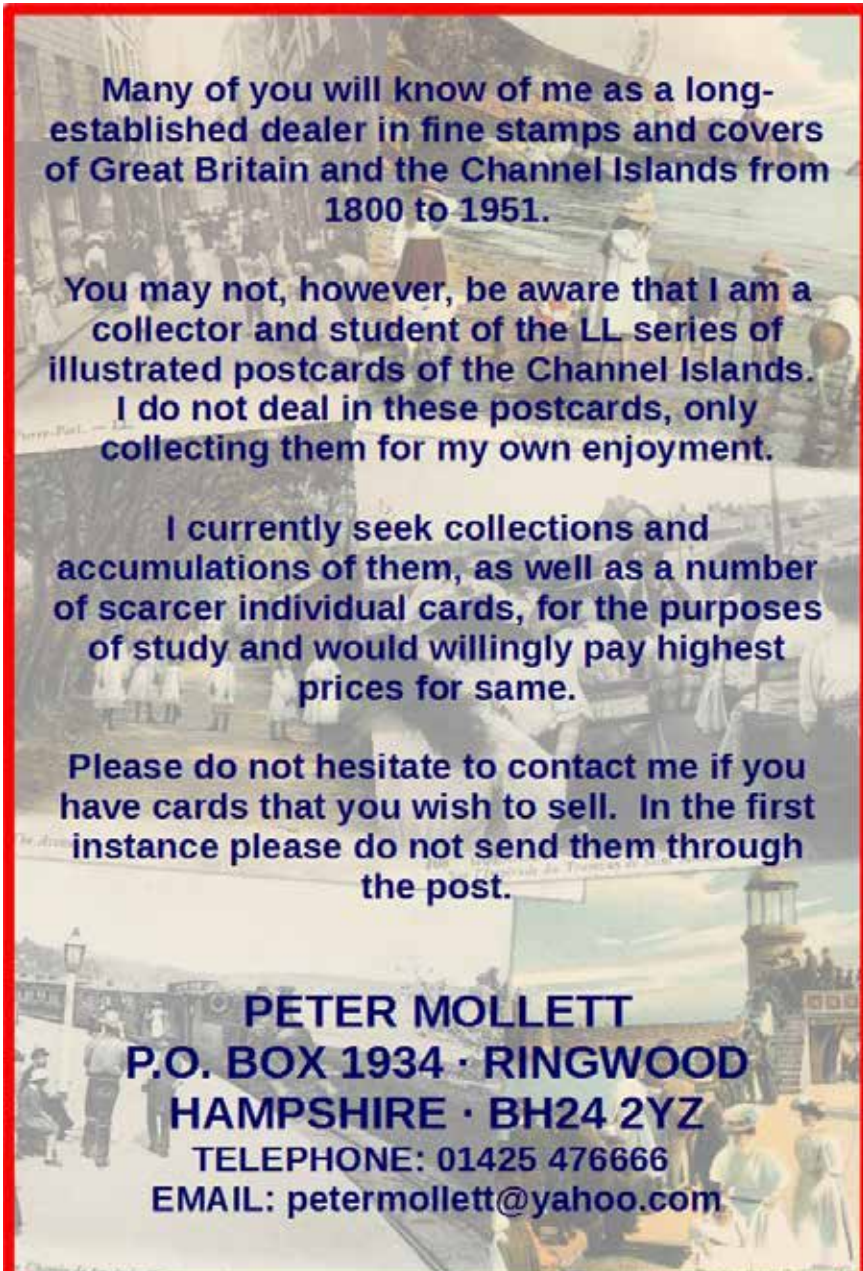
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Many of you will know of me as a long-established dealer in fine stamps and covers of Great Britain and the Channel Islands from 1800 to 1951.

You may not, however, be aware that I am a collector and student of the LL series of illustrated postcards of the Channel Islands. I do not deal in these postcards, only collecting them for my own enjoyment.

I currently seek collections and accumulations of them, as well as a number of scarcer individual cards, for the purposes of study and would willingly pay highest prices for same.

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## Pre-adhesive markings on early Guernsey mail

by Bryan Elliston

The earliest types of postal markings used in Guernsey, following the establishment in 1794 of the Post Office, consisted of the island name inscribed in serified capitals in a curve. These were followed by a scroll-type postmark. Letters landed in the island by private ships were treated as Ship Letters and suitably marked with Guernsey Ship Letter handstamps. An unusual type of handstamp was applied at Weymouth, between 1810 and 1837, to packet letters from Guernsey and Jersey, where there was no visible sign of them having originated in the islands and to distinguish them from overseas Ship Letters for which a higher charge was levied.

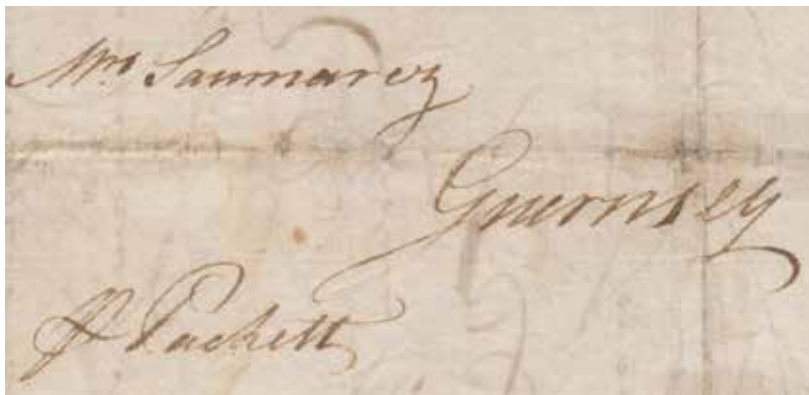
The following study shows examples of the above markings, except those for Ship Letters which were the subject of an article in *Journal* Vol. 35 No. 2. Those shown include examples of all the various curved and scrolled markings used between 1794 and 1830. All examples are referenced to the *Stanley Gibbons Channel Islands Postal History Catalogue*, 1991.

Between 1779 and 1783 there was an attempt to carry mails, mainly of a military nature, to the Channel Islands as a war measure and the 40 ton cutter *Express* sailed from Portsmouth or Southampton “as often as practicable”. The *Express* was fully armed and the letters it carried were treated as Ship Letters, for which a fee of 1d per letter was charged, as was usual generally for Ship Letters at that time. This service was a prelude to the packet service established by Act of Parliament in March 1794 and ratified by the Royal Court of Guernsey on 6 October 1794.

The entire letter (a letter folded in on itself to create its own envelope) at **Figure 1**, dated 1 April 1780, was addressed “Mrs Saumarez / Guernsey / P Packet” and hence would have been carried on the *Express*.

The first handstamp used in Guernsey following the establishment of the Post Office in 1794 took the form of the word “GUERNSEY” set out as a concave curve (**G1**), of which three distinct settings exist. The first setting measures 46mm wide and was used from 1794 to 1801, an example of which is on the entire letter at **Figure 2** to London in 1794.



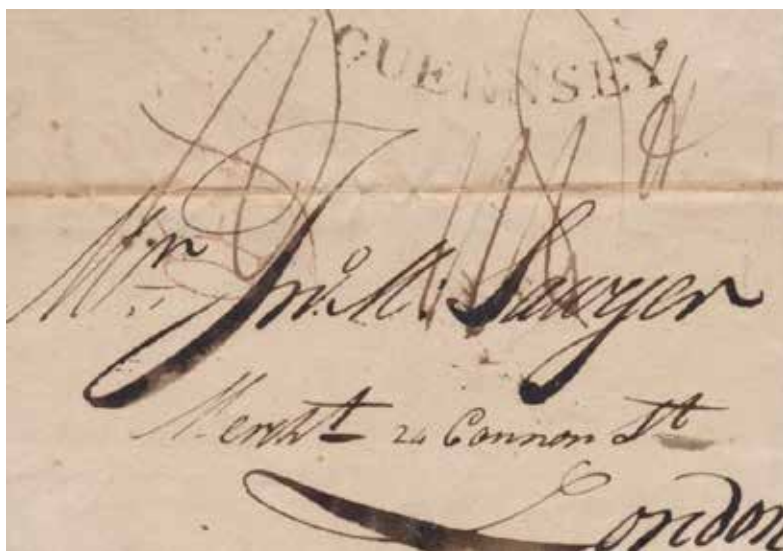


**Figure 1:** A letter dated 1 April 1780 to Guernsey, written by the forwarding agent P Seward and sent to Guernsey, addressed “Mrs Saumarez / Guernsey / P Packet”, which would have been carried on the cutter *Express*.



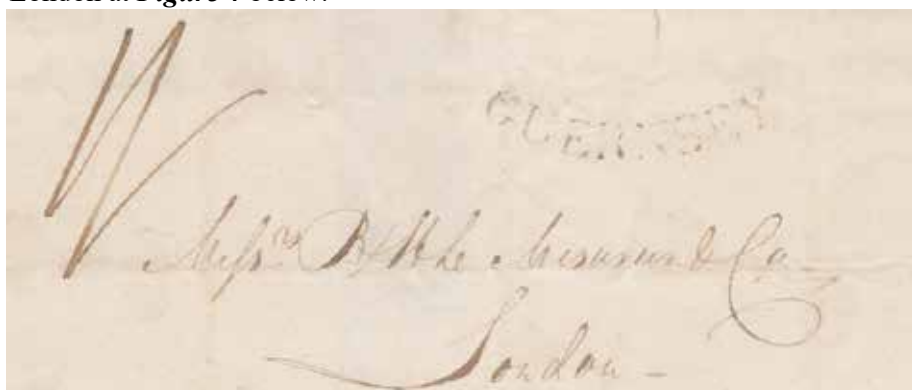
**Figure 2:** An entire letter to London in 1794 with an example of the first setting of the “GUERNSEY” concave curve.

The second setting of the Guernsey concave curved handstamp was 49mm wide and was used from 1802 to 1808, an example of which is shown at **Figure 3** on an entire letter to London in 1803.



**Figure 3:** An entire letter to London in 1803 with an example of the second setting of the “GUERNSEY” concave curve.

The third setting of the Guernsey concave curved handstamp was 37mm wide and was used from 1808 to 1810. This version is considerably scarcer than either of the first two settings and known examples are all much fainter than for the earlier settings, as seen on the entire letter to London at **Figure 4** below.



**Figure 4:** An undated entire letter to London with an example of the third setting of the “GUERNSEY” concave curve. The 1/- postage rate is shown marked in manuscript, being 3d from the Islands to Weymouth and 9d (128 miles) from Weymouth to London.

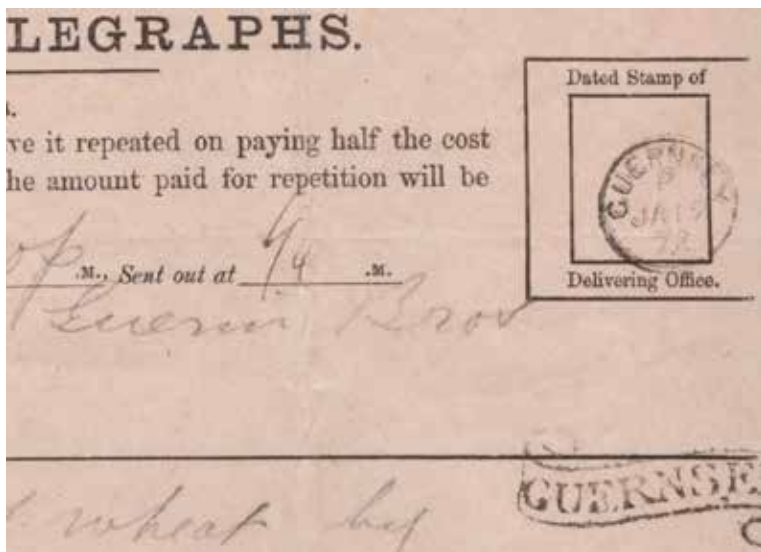
The second form of handstamp used on locally-posted mail in Guernsey after the establishment of the Post Office was a scroll mark, of which two types exist. The first type (**G2**) was in use from 1810 to 1817 and also in 1829-30. It included a full stop after the word “GUERNSEY.” and the letter “G” is positioned very close to the left-hand edge of the frame. An example of this first type handstamp is shown at **Figure 5** on an entire letter from Guernsey to London in 1810.



**Figure 5:** An entire letter to London in 1810 with an example of the first setting of the “GUERNSEY” scroll during its first period of use from 1810 to 1817.

The manuscript 1/- charge comprises 3d from the Islands to Weymouth and 9d from Weymouth to London.

Whilst the *Stanley Gibbons Channel Islands Postal History Catalogue*, 1991 states the use of the first type of scroll handstamp ended in 1830, an example of the (very) late-use of the handstamp is shown at **Figure 6** on a telegram from London to Guernsey dated 19 January 1872.



**Figure 6:** A Post Office Telegram from London to Guernsey dated 19 January 1872, despite its use being recorded by Stanley Gibbons as ending in 1830.

The second type of scroll handstamp (G3), used from 1817 to 1830, had the full stop omitted and the letter “G” much further away from the frame edge. An example of this strike is shown on the entire letter at **Figure 7**, from Rio de Janeiro in 1825 to London via Guernsey.



**Figure 7:** A letter from Rio de Janeiro, on the Hamburg ship Wilhelmina, to London via Guernsey dated 11 December 1825, with an example of the second setting of the “GUERNSEY” scroll. The letter was posted illegally in Guernsey as an inland letter, thus securing a lower post charge than had it been treated correctly as a Ship Letter.

An unusual type of handstamp to be found on mail from both Guernsey and Jersey is the straight line “FROM GUERNSEY” (G9). This marking was applied at Weymouth, between 1810 and 1837, to Packet letters from the islands (for which the rate was 3d), where there was no visible sign of them having originated in the Islands and to distinguish them from overseas Ship Letters, for which a charge of 8d was levied. To avoid the trouble of having handstamps for each island, the Weymouth authorities settled for this mark, bearing in mind that Guernsey was the last port of call for ships returning to Weymouth.

An example of this handstamp is on the entire letter at **Figure 8** from Guernsey to Westminster in 1829.



**Figure 8:** An entire letter from Guernsey to Westminster in 1829, with a “FROM GUERNSEY” stamp applied at Weymouth to distinguish the entire letter as being from the Channel Islands and not a Ship Letter.

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## Trinity, Jersey - A new 'A' Type registration label by Guy Dandoy

I have recently acquired this Registered Letter, F size, with a previously unrecorded registration label used at the Trinity, Jersey office in 1935.



The GVI 4½d embossed stamp is cancelled by a standard pattern double circle steel TRINITY, JERSEY datestamp with code letter A on the 3rd June 1935 and with a PAR CORNWALL double circle datestamp dated the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1935 as a receiving stamp unusually. A hitherto unrecorded 'A' type Small Sheet registration label is printed



Trinity, Jersey in upper and lower case letters at this country office of Trinity and addressed to Par, Cornwall (arrival 5 June). **Trinity, Jersey** measures 20 mm in length and 3mm high for upper case letters and 2mm high for the lower case letters, the seriffed **R** is 11mm high and the N of **No.** 5mm high.

It is quite surprising that in all the time collectors have been interested in the postal history of the Channel Islands that this example only becomes

known to us today when the 'A' type Small Sheet registration labels were first introduced generally from 1923 by the GPO and are quite scarce to find. This particular style of label can be distinguished by the very thin vertical dividing line which joins the top and bottom outer frame line.

To my knowledge this is the first such example of use of this style of label to come to light so far used at this country office in 1935 and although this is number 46 in the sheet it is not known when this style of label was first put into use at the Trinity country Sub-Post office.



The back of this registered envelope shows the correct date stamping of the envelope flap evidencing it was properly sealed at the time of posting.



## A much travelled cover of 1859 from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Guernsey by David Winnie

I read with interest David Parson's article in the March Journal about his much travelled cover and it jogged my memory about a mourning cover in my collection where very little spare space was left available on either the front or back as a result of re-directions. As with David's cover, there are so many postal markings that it was quite difficult to establish the proper order of things.



The cover entered the post at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1859. The QV 1d red has been cancelled by a duplex datestamp 545 incorporating a dated single circle with code A inserted. It is addressed to Southampton and routed via London where it was backstamped with a dated single circle in red for the 20<sup>th</sup> January 1859 with code **CR** inserted.

The cover arrived in Southampton on the same day, as evidenced on the back by a dated single circle with code E inserted but, as it was not able to be delivered, it was re-directed to Guernsey and charged 1d. The backstamp used to confirm its arrival in Guernsey is a dated single circle for the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1859 with code C inserted.

Once again, it was to be re-directed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Lancashire Militia in Lancaster and, as a consequence, the 1d charge was cancelled and a 2d charge added. A despatch datestamp on the front shows that it left Guernsey on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1859, again with code C inserted.



A single circle backstamp for Lancaster on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1859 with code C inserted showed its arrival from Guernsey, but it was then re-directed for a third time to Ribblesdale Plain, Preston. On this occasion, it was routed via London and backstamped with a single circle in red on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1859 with code **AW** inserted. The 2d charge was cancelled and replaced by a 3d charge.

A single circle datestamp for Preston on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1859 with code H inserted indicated the cover's arrival at its final destination. One other unidentified part single circle is shown on the front with the word 'HILL'.

This cover took nine days to reach its final destination, was re-directed three times, charged on three separate occasions, shows nine datestamps and provided hours of study and entertainment.

Can anyone beat this?

## Jersey JE 10 Hexagonal Tax Mark by Steve Wells

A Valentine's postcard featuring a G.W. steamer leaving Jersey, bearing an example of the Jersey JE / 10 hexagonal tax mark, was sold on 27<sup>th</sup> March via the delcampe website by vendor 'postcardman'. Offered as item number #1223129635 at EUR 11.99, after strong bidding it sold for a very substantial EUR 112.99. It is interesting to note that part of the mark can be seen on the front of the card, so it would appear a batch of underpaid items were being processed together on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1913.



My Postage Due Mail Study Group colleague Ken Snelson has studied U.K. tax marks at some length and published a book on the subject [1]. He assigned type number JE-1-10 to the mark. With this postcard, he has now recorded 12 examples of this individual type used between 1905 and 1933. He notes that Stanley Gibbons Channel Islands Postal History Catalogue shows a first date of use as 1890, but he has not been able to confirm this.

If any members have examples of either the Jersey or Guernsey hexagonal tax marks in their collections I would welcome copies as high-resolution scans to further research this subject.



#### Reference:

1. *UK Tax Marks for International Mail 1875-2000 Usage & Listing*. Ken Snelson.  
Toronto, Canada: Published by the author, 2007.

#### **Allix Postcards** by Steve Wells

Two H.G. Allix postcards were sold on 27<sup>th</sup> March for quite substantial sums on the delcampe website by vendor 'postcardman'. Number 20 St Helier – Institut de St André, initially offered as item number #1223129455 at EUR 7.99, sold for EUR 58.99. Coloured card 51 Portelet Bay, offered as item number #1223129587 at EUR 11.99, sold for EUR 99.99. The latter was mailed on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1908 with a ½d stamp cancelled by the St. Aubin single circle: a rather attractive combination.

## **ALDERNEY and the representatives of Feldkommandantur 515 (garrison command 515) by Olaf Beecken.**

After the beginning of the Occupation in July 1940 the German authorities decided to turn Alderney into a deserted island. The local inhabitants were forced to re-settle over to Guernsey immediately with most of their belongings left behind.

However, in winter 1940/41 people on Guernsey realized that farming in Alderney could provide some food for the Guernsey people rather than importing all these products from France. So on 18 February 1941 a small expeditionary force of both German officials and local administrators arrived on Alderney to discuss the feasibility of that project. Among the German people were Kriegsverwaltungsrat Pelz from FK 515 headquarters in Jersey and Sonderführer Hans Herzog from FK 515 Zweigstelle (branch office) Guernsey (see Packe & Dreyfus, *The Alderney Story 1939/49* page 32 ff.).

The discussions within that small party came to a positive result and hence the project of the “Alderney Working Parties” was started. Local people from Guernsey and Sark (at least one person from Jersey, too) were hired as farm hands to look after the crops and any livestock left on Alderney.

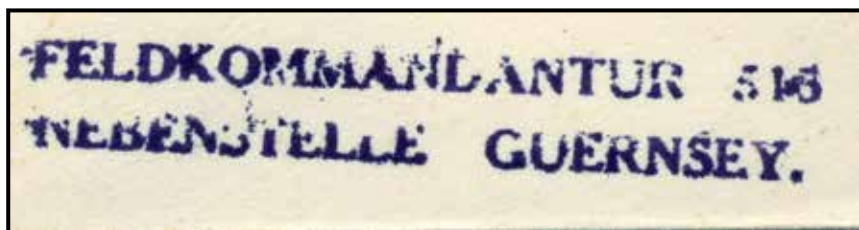
Of course these people needed to be supervised by the German authorities. Consequently, the branch office of FK 515 in Guernsey decided to establish a subsidiary office (= Nebenstelle) in Alderney. Sonderführer Hans Herzog was in charge of that subsidiary office throughout 1941 until April / May 1942.

Alderney did not have a Post Office during the occupation. Mail from members of the working parties was collected at various points and handed in to the Nebenstelle of FK 515 in Alderney from where it was taken to the Head Post Office in Guernsey for processing in the usual way.

German official mail was sometimes struck with a two-line cachet **FELDKOMMANDANTUR 515 / NEBENSTELLE GUERNSEY**, which proved the Alderney origin. My example dates from 12 May 1941 and is addressed to Kriegsverwaltungsrat Pelz in the headquarters of FK 515 in Jersey.



Civilian inter-island mail from Alderney during the occupation is extremely scarce among specialist collectors, mainly for two reasons. First there was no Post Office in Alderney (see previous page) and consequently all the mail from Alderney bears a Guernsey postmark and secondly it was most unusual to state the sender's name on the back of the covers. As a rule, Alderney items just look like ordinary Guernsey items, which makes it so hard to detect them.



Mail into Alderney must be scarce, too. The cover in my collection shown below is addressed to E. H. von Sonderführer H. Herzog., Aussenstelle,

Alderney. and it dates from 31 July 1941. Can any member report any such items in their collection?



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I have come across an error of printing in this form whereby the colour red has been omitted from the lower form! The backs of these forms are shown on the next page. Unfortunately I can't remember where or how I got this, but I recall I had grabbed a pile of them from one of the Post Offices and then just found it when I went through them later.

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The reverse sides of the forms are normal as portrayed below. Can any member report other examples?

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**The ‘Uniform Penny Postage - Post Office Jubilee’ stationery envelope posted in Jersey on 17 July 1890 by Roger E Harris**



(FIG 1 The ‘POST OFFICE JUBILEE of UNIFORM PENNY POSTAGE at South Kensington Museum, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1890’ postal stationery envelope with prepaid ONE PENNY POSTAGE cancelled with two JERSEY ‘squared circle - E / JY 17 / 90’ date stamps, - on the back, a feint single circle ‘LONDON W / 7 / JY 19 / 90 / ?’ receiving date stamp .)

I have always thought that Great Britain’s 1890 first commemorative postal stationery envelope was an attractive item of postal history, but as it did not fit my Channel Islands collecting interest, I never acquired one until I found this example posted from Jersey on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1890.

In late 1889 it was decided by the Post Office that there should be a celebration of the Jubilee of the Uniform Penny Postage that was to occur in the following year. A Jubilee Exhibition was held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May

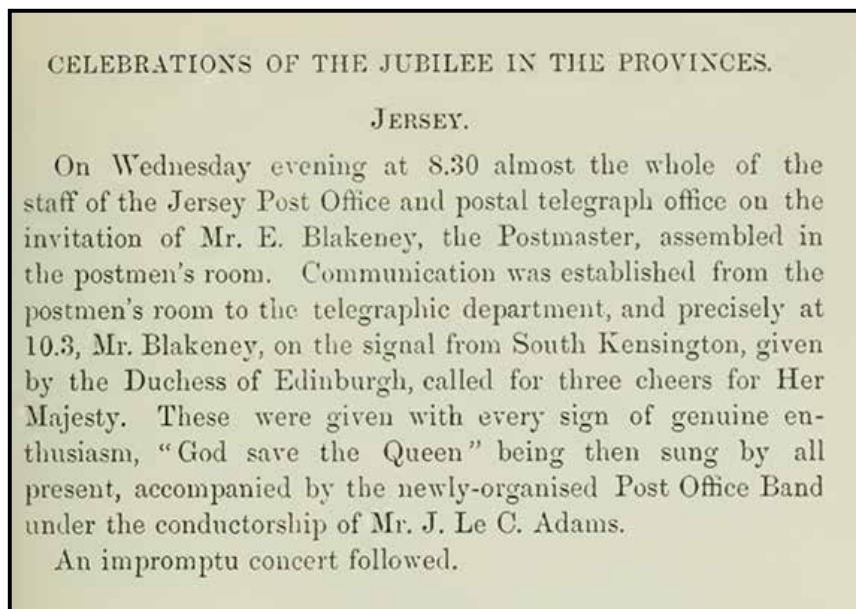
1890 in the Guildhall, London, and a special Guildhall lettercard with prepaid 1d postage, costing 6d, was produced for sale at the event. The lettercard was such a success that all 5,000 examples were sold on the first day of the exhibition.

This success inspired the Post Office to produce its own souvenir envelope with an accompanying insert card to celebrate its official Post Office *Conversazione* at South Kensington Museum on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The envelope and card costing 1/- would pay for the prepaid 1d postage printed on the card with the remaining profit going to the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund for destitute postal workers. The security printers, De La Rue & Co., were given the formidable task of designing the envelope and card insert and printing 250,000 for delivery to the Post Office in less than two weeks; they succeeded in producing 248,220.

The *Conversazione* was a grand affair with specially installed electric lighting, post office mail coaches, bands, soldiers, food and numerous exhibits including Post Offices through the ages and of the future; in 1990 Post Office Mistresses would wear evening dresses and mail would be electronic! The souvenir envelope was on sale at various stands and available throughout the exhibition for special postmarking at the various displays. The patron of the event, Her Majesty Queen Victoria, was represented by the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

All main Post Offices throughout the realm were expected to organise their own celebrations and they were linked to the Museum by telegraph where at 10.00 pm, the Duchess of Edinburgh would send an electronic signal for three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen to be raised simultaneously across the country. Each Post Office was obliged to send a report back to the Head Post Office in London detailing the people present, if the three cheers took place, whether the National Anthem was sung, speeches delivered and any other significant contribution made. The “people present” ranged from one Postman who walked six miles to be present for the signal, staff on duty, all staff, staff and families, to staff and public with invited dignitaries, while the various contributions included tea, supper, refreshments, decorations, fireworks, illuminations, salutes fired, bands, concerts, ventriloquists, a full *Conversazione*, and for some probably the most popular; a gratuity to each man.

The Guernsey Post Office did not return any data which implies that they may not have held a celebration, but the Jersey Head Post Office dutifully returned its data along with the following report:



**FIG 2. The celebrations in the Jersey Post Office as reported to the General Post Office, London.**

London's Head District Branch and Receiving Offices sold a total of 148,830 Special Envelopes, including those sold on the night of the *Conversazione* at South Kensington Museum. This left only about 99,000 for distribution to all the main Post Offices throughout Great Britain.

The envelope illustrated above (FIG.1.), posted on 17<sup>th</sup> July, coupled with the Jersey Post Office report indicates that Jersey received a quantity of envelopes, while a paragraph in the Guernsey newspaper *The Star* describes one of the special envelopes shown to the reporter by the Guernsey Postmaster who commented that "supplies were limited and customers should order one if they do not want to be disappointed". It is strange that he should state "order" rather than "buy".

I don't know if the Postal Museum in London has records of how many envelopes were sent to Guernsey and Jersey, but it is obvious that the numbers could not have been very high. I wonder how many used examples are in CISS members' collections?

*Ref: 'Account of the Celebration of the Jubilee of Uniform Inland Penny Postage 1840 -1890' The Jubilee Celebration Committee, Central Post Office. 1891.*

### **CISS Postcard Auction NS14 Report**

A very wide range of cards covering Aviation, Cows, Churches, Hotels, Militia, Novelty subjects, Potatoes, Railways, Shops, Motor Transport, Shipping and wrecks as well as LL and Allix cards and a huge range of Jersey Views, attracted a large number of bidders.

Such was the variety of cards on offer that most sold at or just above their reserves. As usual there were some surprising exceptions and these were the LL and Allix cards.

Unused LLs in blue print made for The Guernsey Press (NS14036); LL 62, St Peter Port Constitution Steps and (NS14038) LL 116) sold for £40 & £60 respectively.

Allix Cards: (NS14066) No. 94 St Helier Parish Church B&W used went for £26; (NS14068) No. 107 St. Mary's Church B&W unused at £34; (NS14071) No. 129 Trinity Church B&W unused sold for £48.

Jersey LLs with a glossy sepia finish sold for 4 to 5 times their reserves:

(NS14164) No. 20 St. Helier. The arrival of the Granville Boat went for £48; (NS14173) No. 45 St. Helier. Rock of Elizabeth Castle £22; (NS14186) No. 100 Corbiere Lighthouse £23; (NS14204) No. 179 The Big Grotto sold for £34.

Sark LLs attracted some ferocious bidding, all unused with green backs:

(NS14453) No.55 Joung Girl £85, (NS14454) No. 57 In the Field £110, (NS14455) No. 58 Harvest Times £55, (NS14458) No. 61 Joung Sark Girls £170.

**There will be another specialist Postcard Auction in early 2022.**

## Spring 2021 Postal Auction NS15 Report.

This general postal auction with over 750 Lots covered early Postal History, Occupation (Postal History, stamps, Red Cross messages, Feldpost, Internee and POW Mail), Jethou, Herm as well as modern Postal History and stamps with a wide range of postcards. The reserves were from £2 to £260 and attracted over 80 bidders. It was the best selling auction for the past seven years.



Highlights included: (NS15012) Alvely 1864 entire to France from Jersey with four QV 1d reds with several cachets including an **ILES C GRANVILLE** datestamp in red ink (above) sold for £100.

(NS15034) A 1906 postcard from France to Jersey with the French stamp cancelled with a fine **JERSEY / FRANCE / MB** datestamp and a Jersey **PAQUEBOT** handstamp went for £70.

Early aviation is always popular and two first flight covers (NS15069 & NS15070) sold for £17 and £12 respectively.

As usual the Occupation material attracted a large number of bids with virtually all Lots sold (NS15091) A cover sent from Guernsey to Jersey in March 1944 had a 2d bisect on it. It was endorsed "Not admissible" and sold for £60. All the occupation stamps from both Islands sold well with the star Lot being a complete sheet of the Guernsey 2½d Arms from the 4th printing going for £325 (NS15103). Given the shortages of paper and envelopes many were re-used. One to a Mr. Torode had been used six times between April 1944 and December 1944 fetching £26 (NS15111).

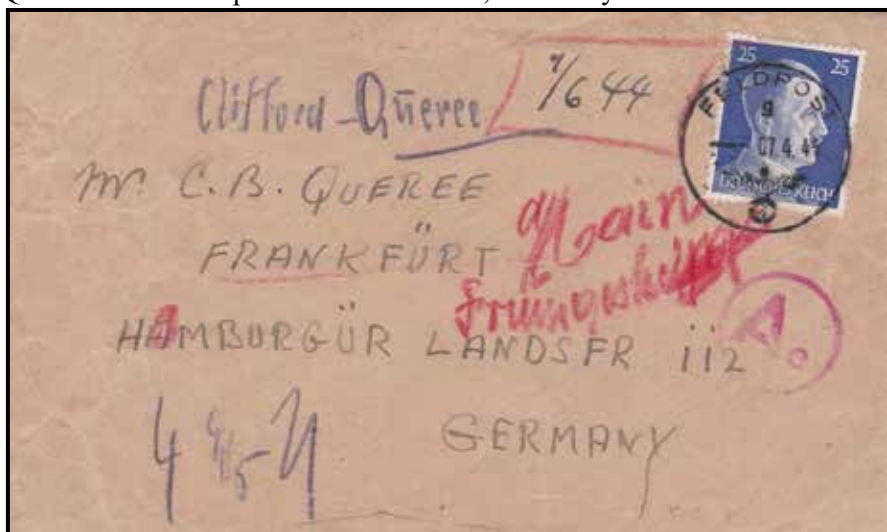


(NS15086) A Guernsey postcard dated February 1945 with a 2d bisect and 1d Arms (use of bisects were invalidated in 1941) was delivered with no surcharge being applied, raised £55. Some unusual Feldpost covers did well: (NS15181) A military cover from Alderney to Vienna sold for £150.





(NS15186) An uncensored civilian cover sent from France to Jersey went for £70, (NS15195) A 1944 Feldpost cover sent from Jersey to Clifford Queree who was a prisoner in Frankfurt, was hotly contested and sold for



£220. (NS15253) A rare German POW cover dated February 1946 sent by a German soldier in Guernsey to Germany had a single circle Camp 801 cachet and was sold for £200.

The large range of covers with Sub-Post office datestamps are always popular with bidders and the highlight of this section was a 1958 FDC of





the Guernsey 3d Regional stamp sent to Canada with a very scarce Pleinmont Road datestamp and a registered label 0055 sold for £275. (NS15277)

Another wide range of postcards including LLs and Allix cards were featured along with specific themes such as Shipping. A collection of cards about the ships of the London & Western Railway sold for £90. The Allix cards sold well with No. 38 coloured card of La Collette selling for £120 (NS15381). A selection of blue printed Jersey LLs which are rarely offered in the auctions attracted many bidders. (NS15484) No. 117 Saint Aubin - Belcroute Bay sold for £29, (NS15485) No. 137 The Devil's Hole went for £190, (NS15486) No. 140 The Devil's Hole £190, (NS15487) No. 162 Rozel went for £85



As in the previous auction Sark LL cards were very popular. Two highlights were: (NS15567) No. 6 Creux Road, a blue print with a white border sold for £160 and (NS15585) No. 37 of Dixcart Hotel, side view B&W unused (above) sold for £275.

The autumn 2021 postal auction will have a range of rare Red Cross material, early postal history and a good range of Occupation items and modern material especially stamps and yearbooks plus some postcards. There will be something for all members. In early 2022 we will hold another postcard only auction which will feature a huge range of cards, some at bargain prices.

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Souvenir Sheet Pack insert .....	£4.20

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<b>Alderney Year-set Folder .....</b>	<b>£38.25</b>

### **JERSEY POST**

**There is no contribution from this Postal Administration and I still await clarification from Postal Headquarters in St. Helier as to their intentions for the future.**

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