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It incorporates the following:

- 1/ Status of the Offices that used barred numeral cancellations.
- 2/ A list of the Sub Offices of major Offices that used barred numeral cancels.
- 3/ The later numeral allocations that were made after barred numerals ceased to be issued.

Dates, codes and times in red are new to the published volumes.

Dates of a change in status are derived largely from the Post Office Guide for January of each year, if a change occurs in say the 1865 edition, it actually took place sometime in 1864.

Status of the Offices

Head Post Offices / **Post Town** collected, sorted, cancelled and distributed mail from and to a series of Subordinate Offices.

The address of mail sent to a place with a Head Office would end just with the name of the town i.e. Bedford.

Independent Sub Offices evolved in the second half of the 19th Century having an address that was independent of the nearest Head Office, most of their mail could come straight to them.

Mail sent to these addresses ended with S.O. and the county name.

i.e. Shefford S.O. Beds. (from 1873 to 1886)

Railway Sub Offices (R.S.O.)

These were offices that received and sent their mail to a travelling railway post office rather than a conventional head office.

i.e. Shefford R.S.O. Beds. (from 1886 to 1905)

When the term "Railway Sub Office" was abolished in 1905, these became Independent Sub Offices; in 1909 they became Post Towns. Although the term R.S.O. was abolished in 1905 it remained in use in many cds's for several years afterwards.

Subordinate Offices The address of mail sent there had to include the name of the Head Office:-

- i.e. Potton, Biggleswade. (1844 to 1854)
- i.e. Potton, St Neots. (1854 to 1872)
- i.e. Potton, Sandy. (1872 to present)

These normally received and sent most of their mail direct to a Head Office.

In the text the dates given are for the length of time that they were sub offices not the period of use of barred numerals.

A Sub Office in an urban environment, before 1892 was called a Town Receiving Office.

LETTER BOXES.

Pillar Boxes and Wall Boxes, did not normally have their own cancellation, exception were Late Fee Letter Boxes at Railway Stations. The cancellation was applied either in the Travelling Post Office, eg. Euston Square Station with its provincial style 964 cancellation, or in transit the Manchester/Liverpool/Leeds/ Bradford Late Box cancellations which were cancelled in London.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CANCELLATIONS:

1844 type for the single obliterators issued to all the offices in the lists to 1850.



1844

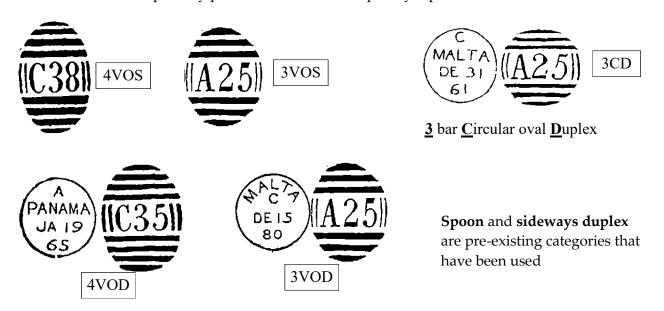
3HOS is a 3 Bar Horizontal Oval Single obliterator

The 3HOS replaced the 1844 type in the 1850's. They can sometimes be very similar in that the 1844's can have three bars at the top and base. The key characteristic to separate these from a subsequently issued 3HOS is the length of the uppermost and lowermost bars. These are long in the 1844 type and short and often convex in the 3HOS. The figure 4 almost always has a serif on the horizontal bar in 1844s and is always sans serif in the 3HOSs.



4VOS is a **4** Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator **3VOS** is a **3** Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator

Obliterators that were first issued as a 4VOS can through wear and local recutting become a 3VOS or indeed rarely a 2VOS. As these always derive from the original 4VOS they are placed in that category. The evidence is that the size of the figures and letters stay the same despite the reduction in the number of bars. True 3VOS's are separately proofed as such and frequently replace a 4VOS.



<u>4</u> bar <u>Vertical <u>O</u>val Duplex <u>3</u> bar <u>Vertical <u>O</u>val <u>D</u>uplex</u></u>

3VODX A distinctive pattern of 3VOD was sent to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. In the Proof Books the cds and obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. In use the cds and obliterator were also some distance apart, they were the first 3VOD cancels to be issued. They are often described as a 3VOS in the literature. Of the 21, three are common Birmingham, Manchester and Cheltenham, 11 are very rare, and 7 have never been seen. They might have been for use in an experimental new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. Whatever the nature of the experiment it appears to not to have been successful.

ILLUSTRATIONS

The majority of the illustrations are face different Proof Book entries. These have been photocopied from photocopies held in the Post Office archive.

There are very few examples of the 1844 type in the Proof Books, most examples in the catalogue have been traced from actual examples.

If there are two identical copies of a cancel entered at the same in the Proof Books this can often be shown to be the issue of two different cancels. The official stamping the entry found it easier to make two impressions of the same cancel rather than one of each.

DATE OF ISSUE

The date attached to each illustration is the first date of entry in the Proof Books. Just the month and year are quoted because of the ambiguities in the various possible dates: -

1/ The date a cancellation was sent to a Head Office, this was not always the final destination.

2/ The date in the cds of the cancellation, this is not always the same as the date sent. It can indeed be almost a year out. Volume 15 of the Proof Books consists of cut outs of cancellations, these are often duplicate entries of cancels that are in other Proof Books - however the cds date in volume 15 can often be much earlier in the year than the date in the other Proof Books. The earlier date is certainly the correct one.

3/ The date a cancel was proofed – this is in a column marked "sent" in the Proof Books.

In the literature any of these three sources could have been used for the "date of issue".

RARITY & PRICE

The rarity index ranges from A = abundant to H = very few recorded. H* has been used for proofed cancels that have only been recorded on loose stamp.

GPO means that the cancel has only been seen in the Proof Books.

Prices for coloured cancels have not been quoted, there is too much variation.

Prices have not been updated from those quoted in the six volume set issued 2011 to 2013 - i.e. they are at least 10 years old.

POST OFFICE LISTS

The list of numeral allocations comes from a combination of several sources:-

1/ The Official Lists held in various forms in the Post Office Archives and several that are privately held.

2/ Individual changes in allocation listed in the Post Office Circular, which was a set of weekly instructions to Postmasters.

The Official Lists that have been used:-

1844 – contained in Dendy Marshall's book. Thus seen by Brumell.

1845 - 1847 - 1855 - 1856 - 1857 contained in the relevant Post Office Directory.

1874 - 1882 - 1887 - 1892 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in their file Post 55. The 1882 list is new, it was not seen or mentioned by Brumell.

1899 - Brumell mentions a list that he had not seen that was quoted by Whitworth (Southport 1905) as the "1899" list. Post Office Archives have an 1887 list with manuscript additions up to about 1900. This is certainly Whitworth's "1899" list.

1902 - seen and listed by Brumell, but there is no longer a copy in the Post Office Archives.

1906 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55. This was the last list used by Brumell.

1924, 1929 and 1949 - these have recently become available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55, called Post Office Form 1013. They were not available to Mackay.

1954, 1959 - listed by George Pearson in his 1959 publication. The lists are not in the Post Office Archives.

1962 - an original list seen and quoted by Mackay. Given by him in 1990 to the Post Office Archives, but no longer available. A privately held copy has been downloaded from the GBPS website.

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Post Office Archives: Many thanks for all their help in the past, although under the current regime research is becoming increasingly difficult. This follows a general tendency amongst archivists to make preservation the all-pervading priority and making access secondary.

AYNHO K83

BRACKLEY 104

BYFIELD 738 CHARLTON K85

Corby 23

DAVENTRY 238

DEANE 840

HIGHAM FERRERS 363

KETTERING 414

KINGS SUTTON K85

LONG BUCKBY G49

NORTHAMPTON 570 & (365)

OUNDLE 601

PETERBOROUGH 612

ROCKINGHAM 652 & H13

Rushden L03 & 661

THRAPSTONE 798

TOWCESTER 808

WANSFORD 839

WEEDON 851

WELDON 841

WELFORD 857

WELLINGBOROUGH 858

23 Corby

Corby was allocated number 23 in the lists from 1952 to 1962.

104 BRACKLEY

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Brackley was allocated number 104 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.





4CD APR1863

1844 Used from 31 JUL1844 to 6 JAN1942 Price B £5

Also occurs later on undated ppc's (£46 on a dated EdVII ppc)

4CD Used from 30 JUN 1863 to 3 MAR1876 Codes: A B C D E Price C £3



4VOD Time in code Used from 13 AUG1877 to 23 NOV1893

Codes: A B C D E F Price D £4

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 17 DEC1894 to 7 AUG1900

Codes: AB*P DI*A IK*A LK*A CB*P EA*P EF*P FA*P G*P GB*P GF*P H*P Price C £6

4VOD Time in full Used from 31 JAN1901 to 25 OCT1903

Times: 930AM 1015AM 1PM 130PM 515PM 630PM 7PM 710PM 715PM 8PM 9PM

Price A £3



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOD Used from 8 JUN1904 to 4 MAR1907

Times: 130PM 945AM 121PM 1PM 230PM 545PM 630PM 7PM 710PM 8PM 9PM

Price A £3

238 DAVENTRY

Head Post Office 1844 to 1920, Salaried Sub Office 1920 to present Daventry was allocated number 238 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962. Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 738 Byfield 1844 to 1877.



1844 APR1844



3HOS JUN1856



3HOS APR1866

1844 Used from 10 MAY1844 to 28 DEC1853 Price B £3 Seen in blue **3HOS** Used from 4 NOV1856 to 4 SEP1872 Price A £3



4VODA JUN1864



4VODA JUN1871

4VODA (Round top three) Used from 5 JUL1864 to 9 JUN1874 Codes: A B C Cinv Price C £3



4VODB SEP1873

4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 23 OCT1873 to 19 AUG1893 Codes: A C D F G Price B £3



3VOD APR1878

3VOD Time in code Used from 3 MAY1878 to 23 JUL1899 Codes: C D Dsdwys E F G

Price B £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 3 NOV1899 to 24 DEC1904 Times: 945AM 10AM 530PM 6PM 630PM 645PM 8PM 815PM 845PM none(xmas) Price A £2

363 HIGHAM FERRERS

Head Post Office 1844 to 1892, Railway Sub Office 1892 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1921, Sub Office of Wellingborough 1921 to 1999, Sub Office of Rushden by 1999 to present. Higham Ferrers was allocated number 363 in the lists from 1844 to 1924.



1844 APR1844





1844 Used from 12 OCT1844 to 30 APR1856 Price D £8

1844 in blue Used in AUG1849 **1844 in green** Used in 1849

3HOS Used from 27 AUG1857 to 14 AUG1866 Price F £15



4VOS JUN1868



3VOS DEC1881

4VOS Used from 12 MAR1871 to 17 MAY1886 Price E £15 Recut in the 1880's to become a clear 3VOS with round topped three's.

3VOS Used on 17 MAY1886 (Flat topped threes) Price H £50 Squared Circles in use: AUG1889 to SEP1912



365 NORTHAMPTON

4VODX (Error of number) GPO

It may well have not been sent to Northampton.

414 KETTERING

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Kettering was allocated number 414 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844



3HOS DEC1860



3HOS NOV1865

1844 Used from 7 MAY1844 to 20 MAR1860 Price A £5 **3HOS** Used from 18 MAR1861 to 19 JUL1865 Price E £6



3VOS JUN1880

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £50 (Price if found on dated cover)





4VODA SEP1865





4VODA APR1870

4VODA (7mm high figs) Used from 21 SEP1866 to 24 AUG1886 Codes: B C D E Price C £3



4VODB APR1877



3VOD DEC1880

4VODB (10mm high figs) Used from 29 JUN1877 to 15 NOV1880 Codes: B D E Price F £20 **3VOD** Used from 29 JAN1881 to 9 MAR1891 Codes: B C D E F Price C £3 Squared Circles in use: MAY1891 to NOV1905

570 NORTHAMPTON

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Northampton was allocated number 570 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844



3HOS APR1853

1844 Used from 21 MAY1844 to 9 MAR1853 Price A £5 Seen in blue.

3HOS Used from 1 AUG1853 to 22 JUN1859 Price F £8



4VOS OCT1870



3VOS APR1878



3VOS APR1878

4VOS Used from 8 MAY1874 to 8 MAR1911 Price H £30 20th C £45 19thC Seven were proofed in OCT1870 and yet only two copies has been recorded **3VOS** Used from 15 JUN1881 to 19 DEC1891 Price H £40



SPOON MAR1858



SPOON FEB1859



SPOON JAN1869



SPOON SEP1863

SPOON Used from 1 APR1858 to 26 NOV1878 Codes: B C D E F G H I K M Price B £30



SDWYS II MAY1854



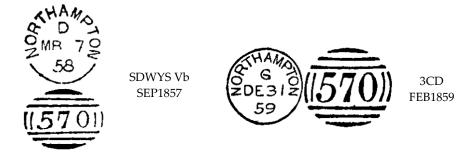
SDWYS II DEC1855



SDWYS II FEB1857



SDWYS II Used from 18AUG1854 to 24 JUL1866 Codes: BCDFGHIJ8 none Price A £20



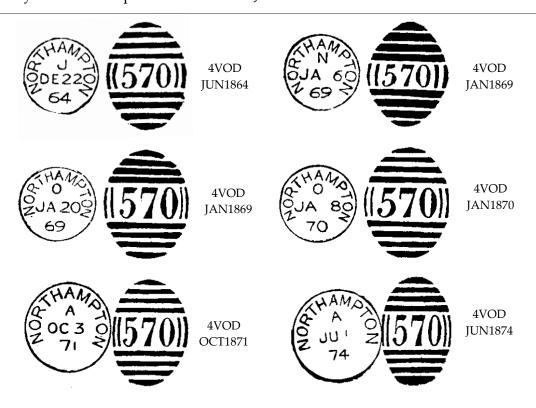
SDWYS Vb Used from 13 SEP1857 to 10 SEP1864

Codes: B C D E F G H I K none Price A £5

Four were proofed from SEP1857 to MAY1864 all are identical.

3CD Used from 12 APR1859 to 19 JUL1861 Codes: B D E F G none Price A £2

Five very similar 3CDs proofed FEB1859 to JAN1869



4VOD Time in code Used from 4 AUG1864 to 15 OCT1885

Codes: CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQR Price A£2

A total of sixteen were proofed, probably two of which are duplicates, many later subtypes

were not proofed. Occurs used through cloth on 21 DEC1868

4VOD Time in full Used from 30 SEP1895 to 2 MAY1901

 $Times: 830AM\ 945AM\ 1215PM\ 215PM\ 245PM\ 515PM\ 7PM\ 715PM\ 730PM\ 745PM\ 815PM$

830PM 915PM 1015PM Price A £3

4VODX (Error of number 365) GPO see 365 under Higham Ferrers above



3VOD Time in code Used from 13 JAN1879 to 24 AUG1895

A, B & C are handstamp identification letters

Codes: N JA LA MA NA OA PA QA PB PC RA SA UA XA XB XC Price A £2

3VOD Time in full Used from 30 SEP1896 to 1 MAY1900

Times: 830AM 945AM 1215PM 245PM 515PM 715PM 745PM 815PM 830PM 915PM

Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: MAY1881 to FEB1907

601 OUNDLE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1915, Salaried Sub Office 1915 to 1923, Sub Office of Peterborough 1923 to present.

Oundle was allocated number 601 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 841 Weldon 1846 to 1859.



1844 Used from 14 MAY1844 to 20 MAY1867 Price A £5





4VOS Used from 30 JUN1868 to 23 NOV1872 Price D £15

3VOS Used from 8 FEB1876 to 28 APR1889 Price F £20





4VODA (Straight Oundle) Used from 11MAR1868 to 13 NOV1875 Code: E Price G £30 **4VODB (Curved Oundle)** Used from 1 MAY1876 to 15 NOV1906 Codes: A B C D E F G

Price A £4 on cover, £2 on ppc

Squared Circles in use: MAY1890 to OCT1906

612 PETERBOROUGH

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Peterborough was allocated number 612 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 041 Crowland Lincs 1844 to present and 040 Whittlesea Cambs 1844 to present.



1844 APR1844



3HOS JUN1851



3HOS JUL1851



3HOS APR1862

1844 Used from 21 MAY1844 to 8 APR1850 Price F £20 Seen in blue **3HOS** Used from 15 APR1851 to 17 NOV1854 Price G £25



3VOS JUL1875



3VOS FEB1885

3VOS Used from 21 APR1917 to 19 SEP1970 Also philatelic use 12 APR1969 Price H £20



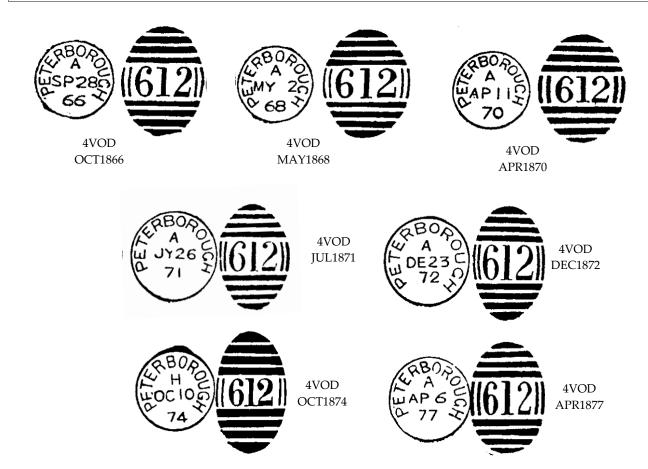


SDWYS III JUL1857

SDWYS II Used from 2 AUG1855 to 30 MAY1857 Codes: A B C Price E £30 SDWYS III Used from 13 JUL1857 to 30 JAN1859 Codes: A B C Cinv Dinv E Einv Price D £15



3CD Used from 11 JUL1859 to 22 APR1866 Codes: A B C Csdwys D E L Price A £3



4VOD Used from 8 OCT1866 to 2 DEC1897 Codes: A B C D E F G H Z none Price A £3 Eight proofed, one duplicate - all seven are now illustrated



3VOD Time in code Used from 25 APR1882 to 28 APR1887 Codes: DEFHIR Price E£5

3VOD Time in full Used from 27 FEB1905 Time: 11PM Price H £8

Occurs with a dot between the 6 and 12

4VOD3 (3 cut in basal bars) Used from 12 JAN1904 to 26 SEP1905

Times: 645PM 915PM 945PM 1145PM Price D £4

652 ROCKINGHAM

Head Post Office 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Leicester 1849 to 1876, Railway Sub Office 1876 to 1888, Sub Office of Uppingham 1888 to 1923, Sub Office of Market Harborough 1923 to 1977, closed 1977.

Rockingham was allocated number 652 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and H13 from 1887 to 1906.

Number 652 was later allocated to Crymmych (Pem) 1882 to 1906 and Radcliffe (Manchester) 1924 to 1962.



1844 APR1844

1844 Used from 5 SEP1844 to 25 MAR1858 Price F £50

661 Rushden

Rushden was allocated number L03 in the lists from 1892 to 1906 and 661 from 1924 to 1962.

738 BYFIELD

Sub Office of Daventry 1844 to 1876, Railway Sub Office 1876 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1927, Sub Office of Rugby 1927 to 1970, Sub Office of Daventry 1970 to present.

738 3VOS was issued when Byfield became a RSO in 1876.

Byfield was allocated number 738 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 738 was first allocated to Stokenchurch (Bucks) 1844 to 1857 then later to Sutton in Ashfield (Notts) 1924 to 1962



3VOS NOV1876



3VOD JUL1878

3VOS Used from 18 SEP1877 to 13 APR1878 Price F £30.

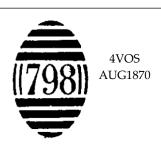
3VOD Used from 8 APR1879 to 3 JUL1911 Codes: B C D Price A £3

798 THRAPSTONE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1918, Salaried Sub Office 1918 to 1928, Sub Office of Kettering 1928 to present.

Thrapstone was allocated number 798 in the lists from 1844 to 1959.





1844 Used from 16 JUL1844 to 13 JUL1869 Price A £4 **4VOS** Used from 19 JUL1871 to 23 JUL1882 Price E £10



3VOS APR1883



3CD SEP1861

3VOS Used from 7 AUG1883 to 8 JUL1893 Price D £26

3CD No dated copies recorded Price H* £40 (Price if found on dated cover)



4VOD Used from 20 OCT1872 to 20 MAR1893 Codes: C D E Price D £6

Squared Circles in use: ??1886 to FEB1905

808 TOWCESTER

Head Post Office 1844 to 1920, Salaried Sub Office 1920 to present.

Towcester was allocated number 808 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844

1844 Used from 19 MAY1844 to 24 JUL1866 Price A £5



4VOS JUN1867



4VOS MAY1871



3VOS MAR1879

4VOS Used from 7 MAR1868 to 17 JAN1877 Price E £15 **3VOS** Used from 28 NOV1881 to 4 JAN1898 Price G £35



3CD Used from 21 MAR1862 to 7 NOV1873 Codes: B C Price F £20





3VOD NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

4VOD Time in code Used from 27 JUL1875 to 13 OCT1893

Codes: B C Price A £3

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 17 DEC1894 to 31 DEC1903

Codes: E*A IK*A KI*A L*A LD*A CF*P D*P E*P GF*P HD*P ID*P none Price A £6

3VOD Time in code Used from 22 JUN1894 to 14 NOV1898

Codes: B D none Price F £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 24 MAY1904 to 4 NOV1907

Times: 545AM 945AM 1045AM 345PM 5PM 730PM 745PM 830PM 1045PM Price A £2

Squared Circles in use: DEC1893 to OCT1905

839 WANSFORD

Head Post Office 1844 to 1894, Railway Sub Office 1894 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1915, Sub Office of Peterborough 1915 to present.

Wansford was allocated number 839 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 839 was later allocated to Valley (Ang) 1929 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 840 Deane 1844 to 1915 and 841 Weldon 1844 to 1846.



1844 Used from 28 NOV1844 to 19 NOV1858 Price F £20

1844 in blue Used in OCT1852





3CD Used from 1 DEC1862 to 31 JUL1904 Codes: CDE Price D £6

4VOD Time in code Used from 8 JUL1876 to 1 DEC1894 Codes: C D E F Price A £3

4VOD Time in full Used from 27 AUG1895 to 23 OCT1909

Times: 1245PM 1PM 4PM 5PM 7PM 745PM 8PM none Price A £3

840 DEANE

Sub Office of Wansford 1844 to 1915, Sub Office of Peterborough 1915 to 1939, Sub Office of Kettering 1939 to 1948, Sub Office of Corby 1948 to 1974, closed 1974.

No cancellations recorded, presumably an 1844 type was issued in Apr1844

Dean was allocated number 840 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 840 was later allocated to Cannock (Staffs) 1882 to 1962.

1844 GPO

841 WELDON

Sub Office of Wansford 1844 to 1846, Sub Office of Oundle 1846 to 1859, Sub Office of Wansford 1859 to 1894, Sub Office of Kettering 1894 to 1948, Sub Office of Corby 1948 to 2006, closed 2006.



1844 APR1844

Weldon was allocated number 841 in the lists from 1844 to 1857. Number 841 was later allocated to Hednesford (Staffs) 1882 to 1959.

1844 Used from 29 SEP1848 to 12 MAR1855 Price H £100 Occurs with a Weldon cud. and an Oundle transit cds.

851 WEEDON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1907, Salaried Sub Office 1907 to 1927, Sub Office of Northampton 1927 to present.

Weedon was allocated number 851 in all the lists from 1844 to 1959.

A cover posted at Weedon on 4 SEP1850 was cancelled with the 238 of Daventry



1844 APR1844



3HOS FEB1859



3HOS NOV1865

1844 Used from 31 MAY1844 to 29 DEC1858 Price F £15

1844 in blue Used from MAY1852 to JUN1852

3HOS Used from 27 APR1859 to 30 JUN1869 Price D £6



4VOS SEP1865



3VOD Time in code Used from 11 APR1874 to 7 FEB1899 Codes: C D Price B £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 17 FEB1900 to 14 MAR1910

Times: 1030AM 1215PM 1PM 2PM 615PM 645PM 915PM 945PM Price A £2

857 WELFORD

Head Post Office 1844 to 1853, Sub Office of Rugby 1853 to 1973, Sub Office of Northampton 1973 to present.

Welford was allocated number 857 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 857 was later allocated to Silloth (Cumb) 1882 to 1906 and to Welwyn Garden City (Herts) 1928 to 1962



1844 APR1844

1844 Used from 4 MAR1845 to 13 JUL1859 Price B £10

858 WELLINGBOROUGH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1967, Independent Sub Office 1967 to present. Wellingborough was allocated number 858 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844



4VOS DEC1866



4VOS OCT1870

1844 Used from 5 MAY1844 to 3 NOV1862 Price D £6 **4VOS** Used from 2 JUL1868 to 8 DEC1870 Price H £40







4VODA JUL1868

4CD Used from 18 JAN1864 to 3 SEP1870

Codes: Binv C D none Price F £20

4VODA (Wellingboro in the cds) Used from 30 SEP1868 to 25 MAR1870

Codes: D E Price G £30



4VODB APR1871



4VODB NOV1872

4VODB (Wellingborough in the cds) Time in code Used from 28 JAN1872 to 2 APR1893 Codes: A B C D E F Price A £3

4VODB (Wellingborough in the cds) Time in asterisk code Used from 23 JUN1894 to 16 OCT1894 Codes: FI*P H*P Price H £25

4VODB (Wellingborough in the cds) Time in full Used from 28 AUG1899 to 4 OCT1902 Times: 6AM 545PM 645PM 7PM 715PM 730PM 930PM Price A £2



3VOD FEB1878

3VOD Time in code Used from 10 MAR1879 to 18 JAN1895 Codes: C D E F Price E £6 **3VOD Time in full** Used from 28 NOV1895 to 1 FEB1902

Times: 6AM 10AM 11AM 1215PM 645PM 815PM 9PM 915PM Price A £2

G49 LONG BUCKBY

Sub Office of Daventry 1844 to 1859, Sub Office of Rugby 1859 to 1973, Sub Office of Daventry 1973 to present.

Long Buckby was allocated number G49 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

3VOS GPO



3VOS AUG1882

H13 ROCKINGHAM

Head Post Office 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Leicester 1849 to 1876, Railway Sub Office 1876 to 1888, Sub Office of Uppingham 1888 to 1923, Sub Office of Market Harborough 1923 to 1977, closed 1977.

Rockingham was allocated number 652 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and H13 from 1887 to 1906.

3VOS GPO



3VOS MAY1884

K83 AYNHO

Sub Office of Brackley 1844 to 1861, Sub Office of Banbury 1861 to present. Aynho was allocated number K83 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

3VOS Used from 24 MAY1897 23 JUN1899 Price G £80



K85 KINGS SUTTON

Sub Office of Banbury 1851 to 1856, Sub Office of Woodstock 1856 to 1858, Sub Office of Banbury 1858 to present.

The cds accompanying the K85 3VOS can be either Charlton or Kings Sutton throughout the period of use.

Kings Sutton was allocated number K85 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

3VOS Used from 20 MAY1897 to 29 MAY1909 Price B £20 on cover £10 on ppc

A cds of either Kings Sutton or Charlton occur with the 3VOS throughout the period of use.



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

K85 CHARLTON

Sub Office of Woodstock 1849 to 1858, Sub Office of Banbury 1858, closed 1858 to 1872, Reopened as a Sub Office of Banbury 1872 to present. See Kings Sutton above

L03 Rushden

Rushden was allocated number L03 in the lists from 1892 to 1906 and 661 from 1924 to 1962. No numeral cancellation recorded