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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.

3HOS is a **3 B**ar **H**orizontal **O**val **S**ingle 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 B**ar **V**ertical **O**val **S**ingle obliterator
3VOS is a **3 B**ar **V**ertical **O**val **S**ingle 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.

3 bar **C**ircular oval **D**uplex

Spoon and **sideways duplex** are pre-existing categories that have been used

4 bar **V**ertical **O**val Duplex   **3** bar **V**ertical **O**val **D**uplex

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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A good summary of what information was available at that time.

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BAMPTON 050	**HOOK NORTON K88**
BANBURY 46	**NETTLEBED 356**
BENSON 833	**OXFORD 603 (613)**
BICESTER 69	**SHIPLAKE 097**
BRIZE NORTON 362	**SHIPTON UNDER WYCHWOOD K95**
BURFORD 149	**SOMERTON K86**
CHARLBURY F30	**SOULDERN K87**
CHIPPING NORTON 195	**STOKENCHURCH 738**
DEDDINGTON 912	**TETSWORTH 787**
ENSTONE 278	**THAME 789**
GORING K67 & 318	**WHEATLEY 874 & H25**
HENLEY ON THAMES 355	**WITNEY 902**
HEYFORD K84	**WOODSTOCK 910**

46 BANBURY

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Banbury was allocated number 46 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices that used barred numerals:- K83 Aynho Northts 1861 to present,
K85 Charlton Northts 1872 to present, K84 Heyford 1867 to 1930,
K88 Hook Norton 1888 to Present, K85 Kings Sutton Northts 1858 to present,
K86 Somerton 1880 to 1930, and K87 Souldern 1859 to 1930.

 1844 APR1844
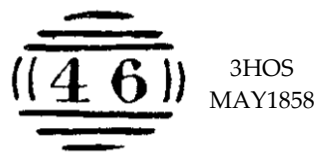
 3HOS MAY1858

1844 Used from 1 MAY1844 to 8 APR1858 Price A £5
3HOS Used from 31 DEC1858 to 23 APR1870 Price G £30

 4VOS JAN1867

 4VOS OCT1871

4VOS Used from 6 OCT1869 to 1924 Price H £40 Occurs on undated postcards

 3CD MAY1858

3CD Used from 24 MAY1858 to 2 OCT1871 Codes: A B C D E F 4 Sdwys: 1 3 8 Price A £3
  Three were proofed between MAY1858 & NOV1869

4VODA
AUG1865

4VODA (Straight Banbury in the cds)   Used from 4 SEP1865 to 16 JUL1874   Codes: E F
   Price E £15   Two were proofed in AUG1865 & FEB1869

4VODB
OCT1871

4VODB
JUL1874

4VODB
JUL1876

4VODB (Curved Banbury in the cds)   Used from 30 OCT1871 to 1 NOV1888
   Codes: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U   Price A £3

3VOD NOT
ENTERED
IN THE PROOF
BOOKS

3VOD Time in code   Used from 28 MAR1889 to 2 MAY1894
   Codes: A B C H K L M P R S T U   Price B £3
3VOD Time in asterisk code   Used from 28 MAY1894 to 23 DEC1897
   Codes: EI*A HK*A K*A KAM LBAM LI*A A*P B*P BE*P CH*P DI*P EF*P FD*P G*P
   GG*P HF*P IL*P ML*P Price B £6
3VOD Time in full   Used from 20 JAN1897 to 11 DEC1901
   Times: 545AM 1145AM 1PM 2PM 245PM 615PM 630PM 645PM 1145   Price E £6

69 BICESTER
Head Post Office 1844 to present. Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.
Bicester was allocated number 69 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

1844
APR1844

1844   Used from 3 AUG1844 to 17 MAY1850 Price G £35

 3HOS FEB1852   3HOS NOV1859   3HOS DEC1859

3HOS   Used from 23 JAN1853 to 27 JUN1871   Price A £3

 4CD APR1863

4CD   Used from 2 DEC1863 to 13 MAY1869   Codes: B D E   Price E £15

 4VOD AUG1869   4VOD JUL1871

4VOD   Used from 22 MAR1870 to 27 MAR1882   Codes: A B C D Dinv E F 0 0sdwys 4 4sdwys
Price C £5

 3VOD APR1882

3VOD   Used from 7 JUN1882 to 22 DEC1911   Codes: A B C D E F G H none (xmas)
Price E £12
Squared Circles in use: NOV1888 to MAR1910

149 BURFORD
Head Post Office 1844 to 1853, (from 1853 to 1860 day letters to Oxford and night letters to Cheltenham) Sub Office of Faringdon 1860 to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to 1888, Railway Sub Office 1888 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1925, Sub Office of Oxford 1925 to 1991, Head Post Office 1991 to present.
Burford was allocated number 149 in the 1844 to 1924 lists.
Number 149 was later allocated to Broadstone, Dorset in the 1935 to 1962 lists.

1844
APR1844

3HOS
DEC1857

1844   Used from 26 NOV1845 to 2 JAN1857   Price G £35
1844 in red   Used in FEB1849
3HOS   Used from 30 DEC1857 to 17 JAN1859   Price H £40

4VOD
JAN1867

4VOD   Used from 4 JUL1867 to 2 MAR1881   Codes: A B C E   Price B £3

3VOD
APR1881
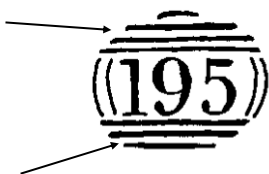

3VOD
FEB1885

3VOD   Used from 16 NOV1882 to 26 MAY1923   Codes: B Binv C   Price A £3

195 CHIPPING NORTON
Head Post Office 1844 to 1917, Salaried Sub Office 1917 to present.
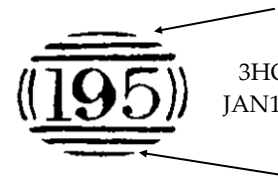Chipping Norton was allocated number 195 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.
   Sub Office that used barred numerals:- K95 Shipton under Wychwood 1847 to 1899.

1844
APR1844

3HOS OC-
T1853

3HOS
JAN1854

1844   Used from 8 DEC1845 to 26 JUL1853 Price D £6
3HOS   Used from 22 DEC1853 to 8 NOV1866   Price C £4   Late examples are very similar to
   the 1844 type, the only difference being the length of the third bar
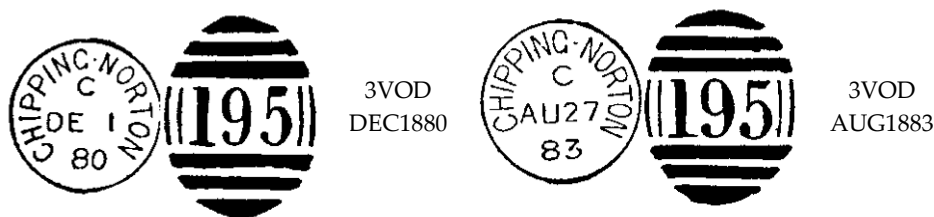

4VOS
DEC1867

4VOS
APR1871

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4VOS   Used from 11 FEB1868 to 18 MAR1873   Price F £30

4CD
JUL1863

4CD   Used from 26 OCT1863 to 6 JAN1875   Codes: A C E   Rarity G £50

4VOD
AUG1875

4VOD   Used from 6 SEP1875 to 16 SEP1880   Codes: C E F   Price D £6

3VOD
DEC1880

3VOD
AUG1883

3VOD Time in code   Used from 4 JAN1881 to 2 MAR1894
    Codes: A B C D E F G H   Price B £4
3VOD Time in asterisk code   Used from 28 JUN1894 to 30 SEP1897
   Codes: KE*A LL*A AI*P EF*P EK*P HD*P ID*P   Price F £12

278 ENSTONE
Head Post Office 1844 to 1893, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1893 to 1919, Sub Office of
Oxford 1919 to 1991, Sub Office of Chipping Norton 1991 to present.
Enstone was allocated number 278 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.
Number 278 was later allocated to Eastwood (Notts) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.
    Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- F30 Charlbury 1844 to 1873.
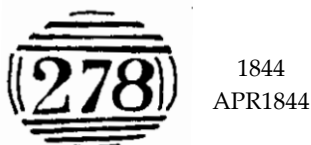
1844
APR1844

1844   Used from 22 AUG1844 to 1 AUG1857 and late use on 24 MAR1879   Price E £15

4VODA
NOV1865

4VODB
JAN1872

4VODA (Straight Enstone) Used from 9 MAR1866 to 2 NOV1871   Code: C   Price G £40
4VODB (Curved Enstone) Used from 1 MAY1872 to 5 OCT1880   Code: B   Price F £20

3VOD
JAN1881

3VOD   Used from 12 FEB1881 to 7 APR1894 Codes: A B C   Price F £20

318 Goring
   Goring was allocated number K67 in the lists from 1902 to 1906 and 318 from 1924 to 1962.

355 HENLEY ON THAMES
Head Post Office 1844 to present   Independent Sub Office 1966 to present
Henley on Thames was allocated number 355 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.
   Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 356 Nettlebed 1844 to present and 097 Shiplake 1859 to
   1863 (closed 1863).

1844
APR1844
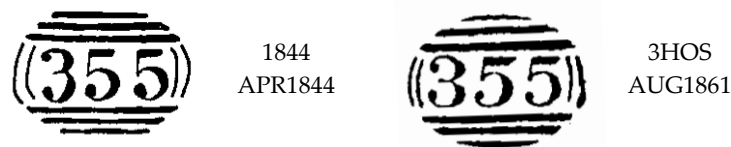
3HOS
AUG1861

1844   Used from 1 OCT1844 to 31 MAR1861   Price D £5   Seen in blue
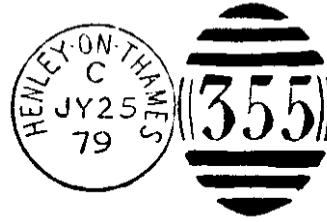**3HOS**   Used from 26 JUN1862 to 27 MAY1873   Price F £10

3VOS
JAN1874

3VOS   Used from 2 MAR1874 to 17 AUG1955   Price F £30

4VOD
FEB1875

3VOD
JUL1879

4VOD Time in code   Used from 27 APR1875 to 10 JUL1891 Codes: A B C D   Price B £4

4VOD Time in full   Used from 13 NOV1895 to 14 NOV1902   Times: 10AM 1045AM 115PM
   3PM 315PM 65PM 645PM 8PM 815PM 945PM 10PM   Price C £4

3VOD Time in code   Used from 5 SEP1879 to 16 AUG1895   Codes: A B C D E   Price A £3

3VOD Time in full   Used from 20DEC1895 to 24 MAR1906   Times: 1215AM 215AM 6AM
   645AM 7AM 830AM 1030AM 1045AM 1145AM 12PM 1215PM 1PM 330PM 4PM 430PM
   630PM 645PM 745PM 8PM 815PM 930PM 10PM 1045PM 1130PM 1045M   Price A £3

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356 NETTLEBED

Sub Office of Henley 1844 to present.

Nettlebed was allocated number 356 in the 1844 to 1857 lists.

Number 356 was later allocated to Charing, Kent 1882 to 1906 and Hebden
Bridge (Yorks) 1924 to 1962.

1844   Used from 9 JUL1844 to 21 DEC1855   Price H £100+

1844
APR1844

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362 BRIZE NORTON

Sub Office of Witney 1849 to 1860, closed 1860.

Reopened in 1875, Independent Sub Office 1875 to 1895, Sub Office of
Bampton 1895 to 1925, Sub Office of Oxford 1925 to 1996, closed 1996,
reopened 2000.

3VOS 362 was issued in 1875 when the Brize Norton office reopened.

Brize Norton was allocated 362 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 362 was previously allocated to Deptford Inn (Wilts) 1844 to 1857 and
later to Highbridge (Som) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

3VOS   Used from 29 MAR1892 to 18 DEC1896   Price H £100+

3VOS
MAY1875

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603 OXFORD

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Oxford was allocated number 603 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):-149 Burford from 1853 to 1860 day letters to Oxford,
912 Deddington 1859 to 1991, K95 Shipton under Wychwood 1899 to 1991 and H25 Wheatley 1863
to 1905.*

 1844
APR1844

 3TH.HOS
NOV1865

1844 Used from 6 MAY1844 to 3 NOV1855 Price A £5
3TH.HOS GPO

 4VOS
NOV1870

 3VOS
AUG1876

 3VOS
FEB1881

4VOS Used from 24 APR1873 to 7 JUL1879 Price H £50
3VOS Used from 3 DEC1878 to 26 FEB1894 Price H £40

 SDWYS II NOV1855

 3CD
JAN1858

 3CD
APR1862

SDWYS Used from 15 NOV1855 to 13 JAN1858 Codes: B Binv C D E F G Price B £10
3CD Used from 15 JAN1858 to 25 NOV1863 Codes: B C D E F G H K M N 3 4 Price A £3

 4CD
NOV1863

 4VODA
JAN1865

4CD Used from 29 NOV1863 to 23 APR1870
   Codes: B C D E F H K M N Price A £3
4VODA (Straight Oxford) Used from 18 FEB1865 to 2JAN1873
   Codes: C D E F H J K M N Price A £3

4VODB
OCT1873

4VODB
JUL1875

4VODB
AUG1876

4VODB (Curved Oxford Flat top three) Time in code   Used from 7 NOV1873 to 21 AUG1894
  Codes: A C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z   Price A £3
4VODB (Curved Oxford Flat top three) Time in asterisk code
  Used from 27 SEP1894 to 6 FEB1896
  Codes: E*A KF*A LI*A BF*P CC*P F*P FF*P FI*P H*P HF*P HP*P M*P   Price E £10
4VODB (Curved Oxford Flat top three) Time in full   Used from 3 FEB1895 to 13 FEB1907
  Times: 1215AM 1230AM 615AM 1030AM 1115AM 1145AM 1215PM 1245PM 115PM 3PM
  315PM 330PM 5PM 530PM 630PM 645PM 8PM 830PM 1145PM   Price A £3

4VODC NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

4VODC (Curved Oxford Round top three) Used from 9 MAY1880 to 29 JUL1880
  Codes: H L N O Q R S T   Price F £25

3VOD
JAN1878

3VOD Time in code Used from 24 JAN1878 to 5 JUL1894
  Codes: A C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z   Price A £3
3VOD Time in asterisk code   Used from 3 SEP1894 to 26 JAN1895
  Codes: F*A LC*A LI*A   BF*P CC*P CI*P EE*P FF*P H*P HF*P I*P LL*P M*P MC*P
  Price B £6
3VOD Time in full   Used from 8 FEB1895 to 14 OCT1905
  Times: 1215AM 5AM 630AM 830AM 930AM 1030AM 1145AM 1215PM 1230PM 115PM
  145PM 230PM 315PM 5PM 515PM 530PM 545PM 6PM 630PM 645PM 8PM 830PM 9PM
  915PM 1115PM 1145PM   Price A £3

LONGER TOP
BAR ON F

4VODXR
JUN1871

4VODXR
JUN1871

4VODXF
JUN1872

Error of number, 613 is the correct number for Petersfield Hampshire
4VODXR (Numeral error 613 Round top three) Used from 6 JUN1871 to 26 JUN1872
   Codes: C D E F K M N   Price B £20   Two Proof Book entries with a different letter F.
4VODXF (Numeral error 613 Flat top three) Used from 5 JUL1872 to 27 OCT1873
   Codes: B C D E F H K M N   Price A £15

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738 STOKENCHURCH
Head Post Office 1844 to 1857, Sub Office of Tetsworth 1857 to 1889,
Sub Office of Wallingford 1889 to 1922, Sub Office of High Wycombe 1922
to present.
Moved from Oxfordshire to Buckinghamshire in 1896.
Stokenchurch was allocated number 738 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.
Number 738 was later allocated to Byfield (Northts) in the 1882 to 1906 lists
and Sutton in Ashfield (Notts) 1924 to 1962.

1844
APR1844

1844   Used from 11 JUN1849 to 27 DEC1861 Price F £50+
   Occurs with a Stokenchurch cud and Wallingford cds

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787 TETSWORTH
Head Post Office 1844 to 1899, Railway Sub Office 1899 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to
1921, Sub Office of Wallingford 1921 to 1928, Sub Office of Oxford 1928 to 2008, closed 2008.
Tetsworth was allocated number 787 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.
Number 787 was later allocated to Templecombe (Som) in the 1925 to 1962 lists.
   Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 738 Stokenchurch 1857 to 1889 and
   789 Thame 1855 to 1863.

1844
APR1844

3HOS
JUN1859
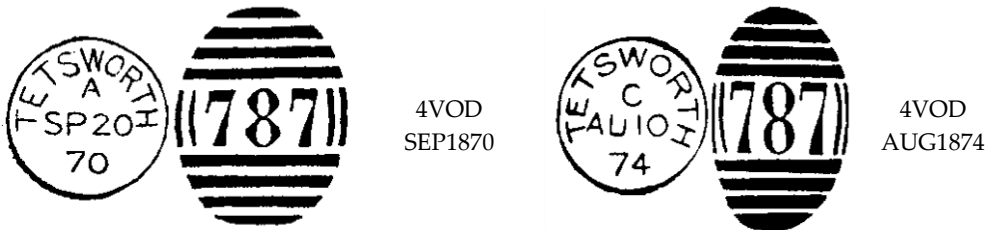
1844   Used from 27 JUL1844 to 3 FEB1859 Price E £15
3HOS   Used from 28 SEP1859 to 1 MAR1863 Price F £15

4CD
APR1863

4CD Used from 18 AUG1863 to 26 APR1870   Code: A   Price F £25

4VOD
SEP1870

4VOD
AUG1874

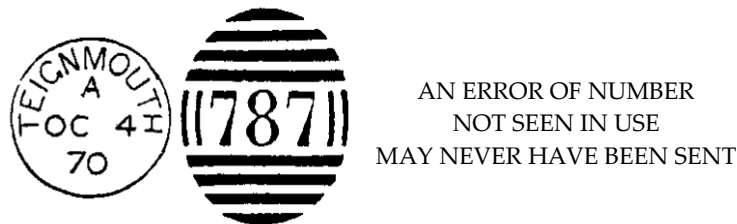**4VOD** Used from 6 MAY1871 to 27 NOV1882   Codes: A B   Price B £5

3VOD
JAN1883

3VOD Time in code   Used from 21 JUL1883 to 25 NOV1894   Codes: A B   Price D £5
3VOD Time in full Used from 7 FEB1895 to 5 OCT1918
    Times: 9AM 945AM 715PM 7inv15PM 730PM 8PM 715   Price A £3

AN ERROR OF NUMBER
NOT SEEN IN USE
MAY NEVER HAVE BEEN SENT

789 THAME
Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, day letters to Aylesbury and night letters to Tetsworth,
Sub Office of Tetsworth 1855 to 1863, Head Post Office 1863 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to present.
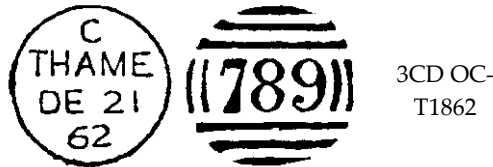Thame was allocated number 789 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.
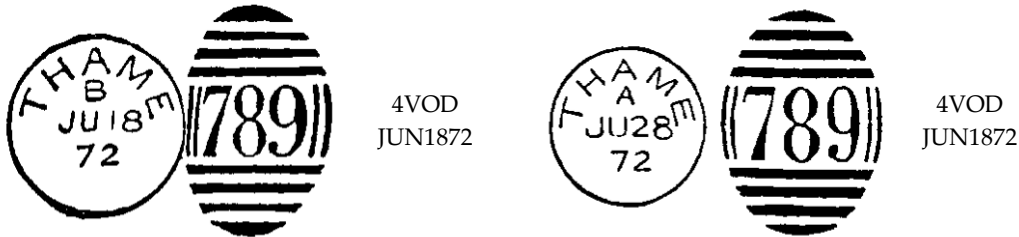

1844
APR1844

3VOS
OCT1877

1844   Used from 7 JUN1844 to 23 DEC1873 Price D £6
3VOS   Used from 14 JUL1882 to 27 NOV1885   Price H £40

3CD OC-
T1862

3CD   Used from 7 NOV1862 to 14 MAY1872   Code: B   Price C £5

4VOD
JUN1872

4VOD
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4VOD   Used from 13 NOV1872 to 5 JAN1885   Codes: B C   Price B £3

3VOD
SEP1886

3VOD Time in code   Used from 28 JAN1887 to 13 MAR1894
  Codes: B C D E   Price E £6
3VOD Time in asterisk code First use from 17 JUL1894 to 9 OCT1898   and   **Second use** from
  26 APR1907 to 13 MAY1907   i.e. Before and after time in full.
  Codes: HI*A IG*A KB*A LD*A LF*A FC*P FI*P H*P HF*P HI*P IC*P   Price C £6
3VOD Time in full   Used from 16 APR1899 to 23 MAY1910
  Times 845AM 930AM 1130AM 1PM 3PM 615PM 645PM 7PM 745PM 8PM 830PM 845PM
  Price A £3

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833 BENSON
Sub Office of Wallingford 1844 to 1928, Sub Office of Oxford 1928 to 1990, Sub Office of Walling-
ford 1990 to Present.
Benson was allocated number 833 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.
Number 833 was later allocated to Chingford, Essex 1882 to 1892, Cowshill (Dur) 1899 to 1906
and Walton on the Naze, Essex 1924 to 1962.

1844 GPO
  No illustration, an example has not been seen and the April issue of the 1844 type was not
  entered in the Proof Books.

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874 WHEATLEY

Head Post Office 1844 to 1863, Sub Office of Oxford 1863 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1919, Sub Office of Oxford 1919 to present. Wheatley was allocated number 874 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and H25 from 1887 to 1906.

Number 874 allocated to Godstone Station (Surrey) in the 1882 to 1887 lists, South Godstone (Surrey) 1902 to 1906 and Whittlesea (Cambs) 1924 to 1962.

1844
APR1844

1844 Used from 1 JUN1845 to 15 OCT1862 Price D £20
1844 in blue Used on 5MAR1851

902 WITNEY

Head Post Office 1844 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to present.

Witney was allocated number 902 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 050 Bampton 1844 to 1860 and 362 Brize Norton 1875 to 1895.

1844
APR1844

4VOS
MAR1869

3VOS
APR1875

1844 Used from 7 JUN1844 to 28 JAN1869 Price A £5
4VOS GPO
3VOS Used from 16 SEP1875 to 9 DEC1879 Price H £50   (Late use 23 MAR1962)

4VOD
APR1869

4VOD Used from 20 MAY1869 to 5 JUN1881   Codes: A B C D F   Price B £4
4VOD Struck through cloth   Used from 4 MAR1880 to 24 JUL1880

3VOD OC-T1881

3VOD
MAY1887

3VOD Time in code Used from 27 MAR1882 to 30 DEC1907 Codes: A B C D E H Price B £4
3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 13 AUG1894 to 19 NOV1897
   Codes: AB*A BA*A CD*A HK*A KF*A BF*P BK*P CD*P DE*P EF*P FK*P G*P ID*P
   Price E £10
3VOD Time in full Used from 25 JAN1898 to 26 OCT1907
   Times: 930AM 1030AM 1145AM 1230PM 230PM 245PM 545PM 615PM 645PM 745PM 845PM
   915PM 930PM 1145PM   Price A £3

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910 WOODSTOCK

Head Post Office 1844 to 1925, Sub Office of Oxford 1925 to 1991, Head Post Office 1991 to present.

Woodstock was allocated number 910 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

   Sub Office (that used barred numeral):- 912 Deddington 1844 to 1859.

1844
APR1844

3HOS
JUN1854

1844 Used from 6 JUN1844 to 28 FEB1854 Price E £15
1844 in blue Used in MAR1849
3HOS Used from 5 JUL1855 to 12 OCT1876 Price B £5

4VOD
NOV1865

4VOD
MAY1871

4VOD
DEC1876

4VOD Used from 20 MAY1871 to 23 FEB1884 Codes: B C D Price E £12

3VOD
MAY1884

3VOD Time in code Used from 1 JUL1884 to 10 SEP1895 Codes: A B C D Price F £10
3VOD Time in full Used from 10 MAY1897 to 2 APR1906
   Times: 930AM 945AM 950AM 1045AM 530PM 545PM 730PM 8PM 9PM 10PM none (xmas)
   Price A £3

912 DEDDINGTON

Sub Office of Woodstock 1844 to 1859, Sub Office of Oxford 1859 to 1991,
(Day letters to Banbury and night letters to Oxford) Sub Office of Banbury
1991 to present.
Deddington was allocated number 912 in the 1844 to 1857 lists.
Number 912 was later allocated to Hebron (Carm) in the 1882 to 1906 lists
and Withernsea (Yorks) 1949 to 1962.

1844 Used from 25 JUN1844 to 25 JUL1860 Price F £40+ Seen in blue
1844 in brown used on 9 MAR1847
1844 in blue used on 27 SEP1851
Occurs with a Deddington cud. and a Woodstock cds.

1844
APR1844

050 BAMPTON

Sub Office of Witney 1844 to 1860, Sub Office of Faringdon 1860 to 1895, Railway Sub Office 1895
to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1925, Sub Office of Oxford 1925 to 1991,
Head Post Office 1991 to present.
Bampton was allocated number 050 in the 1857 to 1906 lists.
Number 050 was later allocated to Delabole (Corn) in the 1962 list.
  Sub Office that used barred numerals:- 362 Brize Norton 1895 to 1925
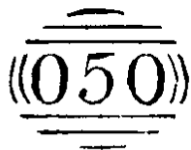
3HOS OCT1855

4VOD FEB1867

3HOS Used from 22 APR1856 to 7 SEP1866 Price D £8
4VOD Used from 11 MAR1867 to 16 NOV1882 Codes: A B C Price C £6

3VOD AUG1883

3VOD Time in code Used from 23 NOV1883 to 22 OCT1894 Codes: A B Price D £8
3VOD Time in full Used from 17 SEP1895 to 5 OCT1909 Time: 745PM Price A £4

097 SHIPLAKE

A 3HOS no. 097 was sent to Shiplake in Jan1858, transferred to Twyford
(Berks) between 1859 & 1861.
Shiplake was a Sub Office of Reading 1854 to 1859, Sub Office of Henley on
Thames 1859 to 1863, closed 1863.

3HOS Used on 23 MAR1859 Price H £300

3HOS
JAN1858

F30 CHARLBURY

Sub Office of Enstone 1844 to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1942, Sub Office of Oxford 1942 to 1991, Sub Office of Chipping Norton 1991 to present.

Covers can be seen backstamped in Charlbury and cancelled at Enstone in the early 1880's.

Number F30 only allocation was to Charlbury 1874 to 1906.

4VOS
JUN1871

3VOD
JUL1884

4VOS   Used from 18 SEP1875 to 3 MAY1883   Price H £60+

3VOD Time in code   Used from 5 MAR1885 to 26 JAN1898
    Codes: A B C D E   Price E £8

3VOD Time in full   Used from 11 DEC1898 to 3 SEP1907
    Times: 7AM 10AM 11AM 1145AM 1245PM 445PM 645PM 815PM   Price A £3

H25 WHEATLEY

Head Post Office 1844 to 1863, Under Oxford 1863 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1919, Sub Office of Oxford 1919 to present.

Wheatley was allocated number 874 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and H25 from 1887 to 1906.

Number H25 only allocation was to Wheatley.

3VOS   Used from 30 AUG1887 to 18 JAN1889   Price H £100+

3VOS
AUG1884

K67 GORING

Sub Office of Reading 1847 to present.

Number K67 only allocation was to Goring 1902 to 1906, later Goring was allocated 318 from 1924 to 1962.

3VOS   Used from 15 OCT1896 to 8 JUN1900   Price H £100+

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K84 HEYFORD

Called Lower Heyford.
Sub Office of Woodstcok 1851 to 1859, Sub Office of Oxford 1859 to 1867,
Sub Office of Banbury 1867 to 1930, Sub Office of Oxford 1930 to 1991,
Sub Office of Bicester 1991 to 1996, closed 1996.
Became Heyford in 1878.
Number K84 only allocation was to Heyford 1902 to 1906.

3VOS   Used from 22 APR1897 to 10 NOV1898   Price G £80+

NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K86 SOMERTON

From 1859 Day letters to Banbury and night letters to Oxford.
Sub Office of Banbury 1880 to 1930, Sub Office of Oxford 1930 to 1979, closed
1979.
Number K86 only allocation was to Somerton 1902 to 1906.

3VOS   Used from 5 NOV1896 to 4 JUN1901   Price G £80+

NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K87 SOULDERN

Sub Office of Brackley (Nthts) 1850 to 1861, Sub Office of Banbury 1861 to
1930, Sub Office of Bicester 1930 to 1990, closed 1990, reopened 2003.
Number K87 only allocation was to Souldern 1902 to 1906.

3VOS   Used from 18 DEC1897 to 3 NOV1898   Price G £80+

NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K88 HOOK NORTON

Sub Office of Chipping Norton 1844 to 1888, Sub Office of Banbury 1888 to
present.
Number K88 only allocation was to Hook Norton 1902 to 1906.

3VOS   Used from 24 MAR1899 to 12 MAY1908
   Price C £30 on cover, £8 on ppc.

NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K95 SHIPTON UNDER WYCHWOOD

Sub Office of Chipping Norton 1847 to 1899, Sub Office of Oxford 1899 to 1991,
Sub Office of Chipping Norton 1991 to present.
Number K95 only allocation was to Shipton under Wychwood 1902 to 1906.

3VOS   Used from 25 APR1898 to 29 AUG1906   Price E £30 on cover £15 on ppc.

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THE PROOF BOOKS