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Front cover - Tontine Inn, Sheffield from 1812. The Inn was demolished in 1850 to make way for the Norfolk Market Hall. In it's day it was a major coach and mail station. This picture is taken from an original letter head supplied by Mr. Frank Walton.

The YPA Handbook

Secretaries are reminded that it is expected that the YPA Handbook will be available for reference at all meetings. **Please notify the Secretary and / or the Editor of any changes.**

No changes at this time.

Speakers List:

If you wish to be added to the speakers list please notify the Secretary and / or the Editor.

Valda Fountain(Morley) "Motorcycles". Tel: 0113 253 8197

Competition Judging

No changes at this time.

What's on 2008

Local stamp fairs can be found in the advertisement on page 7.

- Feb – Oct Displays by members of Huddersfield PS
Red House Museum, Oxford Road, Cleckheaton.
- May 2 - 3 ABPS Harrogate 2008.
Visit www.harrogate2008.org.uk for directions.
- June 14 YPA Stamp Fair and Convention (**see page 3**).
- July 18 – 19 York Racecourse Stamp and Coin Fair.
Visit www.stampshows.net/yorkwhere.html for directions.
- Sept 17 - 20 Stampex, Business Design Centre, Upper St., Islington,
London N1. Display by Battle of Britain Fund.
- Oct 30 - Nov 1 Philatex, Royal Horticultural Society Lawrence Hall,
Greycoat Street, Westminster, London SW1
Visit www.stampshows.net/phwhere.html for directions.
- Nov 14 - 15 Leeds Stamp Fair, Pudsey (**see back cover**).
- Nov 24 - 25 Thematica II, Carisbrooke Hall, 63 Seymour Street,
London, W2 2HF
Visit www.brit-thematic-assoc.com/btatravel.htm for directions.

50th Anniversary Of First “Regional” Stamp Issue

At a time when ‘new Regionalism’ and ‘regional identity’ is increasingly important in British society and increasingly discussed in the media, a new exhibition by the British Postal Museum & Archive (BPMA) illuminates one aspect of how regional identities were reflected and celebrated 50 years ago.



The exhibition, **Lions, Leopards, Unicorns & Dragons: the first “Regional” Stamps** will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first issue of “Regional” stamps for the various countries and islands of the British Isles. The exhibition is being held in the BPMA public search room and will run from 6 May (National Stamp Day) until April 2009, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Occasional Saturdays 10am to 5pm, Thursdays till 7pm.

The exhibition will show some of the many stamp designs submitted in 1958 and how those selected developed. All the various countries and islands will be represented as will the initial ideas from the reign of King George VI. Graphics have been designed by Rupert Denyer of Sedley Place who also created the new stamps for the forthcoming miniature sheet and prestige stamp book which Royal Mail will issue in Autumn 2008, also to mark the anniversary.

Two free evening talks taking place at the BPMA are linked to the exhibition. Places can be booked by calling 020 7239 2570, Minicom: 020 7239 2572 or email info@postalheritage.org.uk

Thursday 15 May 2008, 7.00pm: *Celebrating the Regions* Peter Silk, Creative Director of Silk Pearce, designers of this year’s Celebrating Northern Ireland miniature sheet.

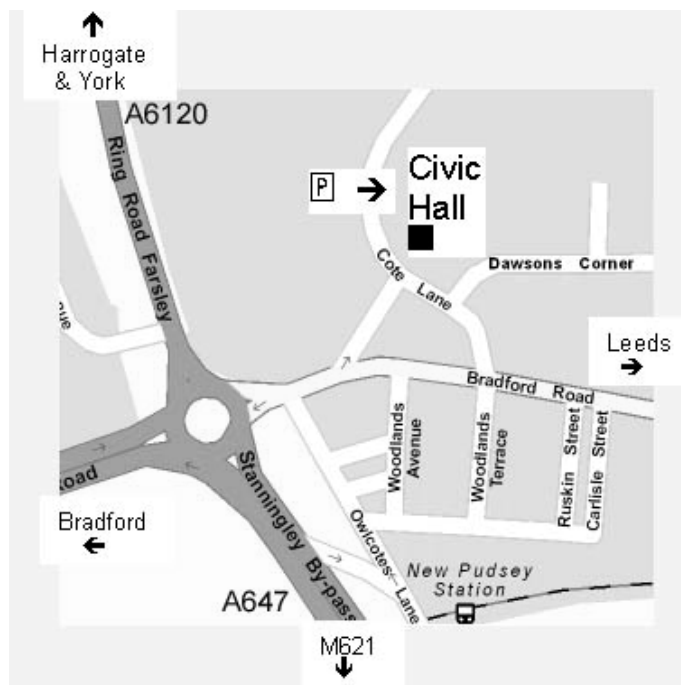
Thursday 18 September 2008, 7.00pm: 50 years of Country Definitives Rupert Denyer, Sedley Place, exhibition designer.

For more information, please contact: Deborah Turton, Head of Access & Development, The British Postal Museum & Archive, Public Search Room, Freeling House, Phoenix Place, London WC1X 0DL, Telephone: 020 7239 2567 or email: deborah.turton@postalheritage.org.uk or visit www.postalheritage.org.uk



YPA Stamp Fair and Convention

The YPA are hosting the 2008 Stamp Fair and Convention at Pudsey Civic Hall, Leeds on Saturday 14th June 2007.



How to get there **By road:**

Dawson's Corner is at the junction of Leeds Ring Road (A6120) and the Bradford Road (A647).

Rail:

5 minutes from New Pudsey Rail Station.

Bus:

Bus routes: 72 from Leeds and Bradford or 508 from Halifax.

Ring METROLINE for rail and bus on 0113 245 7676.

C.I.R.M. - The International Radio Medical Centre

by Stephen Dunderdale (originally published by the Ceylon Study Circle)

Shown below is an interesting cover posted from Colombo on 17th April 1961. At first sight it seems to be a typical air mail to America:



When the back is viewed the significance of C.I.R.M. becomes apparent.



It also has a maritime element as the sender was the Radio Officer of the SS Alcoa Pointer, presumably he applied the 'RADIO MEDICAL ASSISTANE' label.

As I did not recognise the label, sold to me as a Ceylon Cinderella label, I decided to investigate the organisation.

The International Radio Medical Centre (C.I.R.M.) is based in Italy, provides round-the-clock free radio-medical assistance all over the world to patients onboard ships flying any countries flag.

C.I.R.M. can also decide and coordinate, wherever possible, the evacuation of a patient from a ship by naval craft or helicopter, cooperating mainly with the National Marine Rescue Coordination Centre (M.R.C.C.) and if necessary with other rescue organisation for example the U.S. Coast Guard.

Have been unable to obtain details of any other labels issued, my emails to the organisation have gone unanswered, searches on the web have only thrown up the information above, but have an interesting cover for either my air or maritime mail collection.

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A Note About Wadsley Post Office

by Philip E. Robinson, FRPSL

In his article *Wadsley Village Posts* (Yorkshire's Post, Vol. 12, No. 9, Autumn 1990) the late Ronald Ward wrote that Wadsley first acquired a letter box in 1860. A post office opened at Wadsley (as distinct from Wadsley Bridge) in 1878, the first named postmaster for Wadsley being George Needham who was appointed on 28th April 1878.

The post office, now long demolished, was situated at what locals called "The Hillock", an area on Worrall Road just above its junction

with Wadsley Lane. My friend Major C.P. Kaye, a local historian and artist, has made many drawings of Wadsley as it was in the late 19th century, one of them being of the post office - which is reproduced here with his permission (Figure 1).



Figure 1 – Wadsley Post Office in the 19th Century.
Reproduced with permission of the artist C.P. Kaye.

Wadsley post office was evidently closed after the Wisewood council estate was built, as a new row of shops was also built on Rural Lane, including a sub-post office, which was and is still known as Wisewood. The name of Wadsley therefore disappeared from postmarks, though it was never common. Ronald Ward's article reproduces the proof book example of a 30mm. postmark, inscribed

simply WADSLEY (Figure 2a), and a 1909 example on a loose stamp that was in Ronald Ward's collection.

I remember Ronald telling me that covers are scarce. Thanks to the kindness of Major Kaye I am able to reproduce here an example of the Wadsley postmark from a postcard (Figure 2b). The year is not clear but may be 1909. A clue to the postmark's scarcity may lie in this postcard, which was sent locally to Wisewood, and has a Hillsborough postmark. Perhaps it was only local mail that was cancelled at Wadsley, all other mail being forwarded to the Sheffield main office for cancelling.

a)



b)

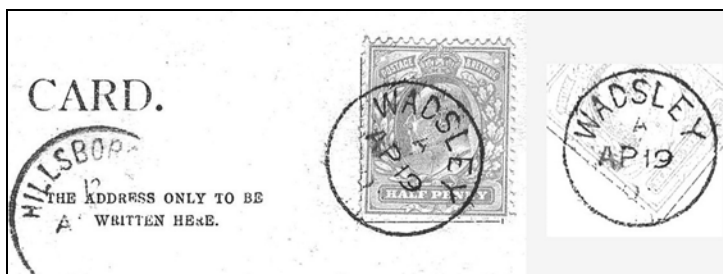


Figure 2 – Examples of the Wadsley Postmark: a) the proof book example, 1878, from Ronald Ward's article; and b) possibly from 1909.

Does anyone have more examples of the Wadsley postmark?

Sydney to Sheffield in 1840

by Frank Walton F.R.P.S., L.

The Internet is a truly wonderful thing. One rich hunting ground for adding to my collection of Sheffield postal history is eBay (Ref. 1). An 1840 cover (Figure 1) was offered which originated from Sydney, Australia. Although I didn't hold out much hope that my modest bid would be successful, I thought I'd have a go as the starting price was a very reasonable \$9.99. Much to my delight and astonishment, nobody else bid and the item was mine. Then I realised that I knew absolutely nothing about Australian postal routes and rates. The wrapper has several postal markings:

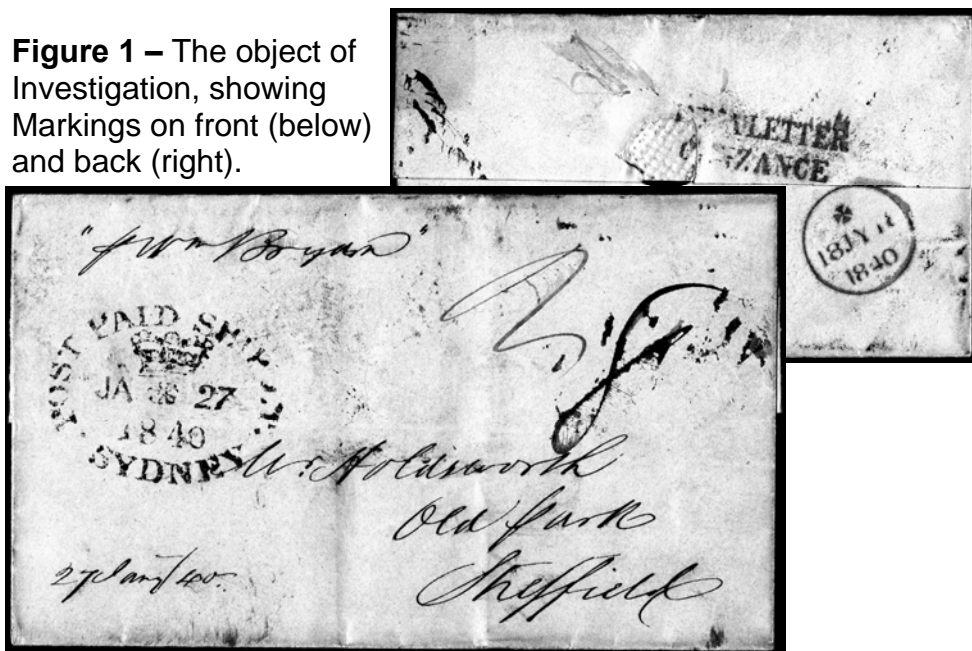
- Addressed to Mr Holdsworth, Old Park, Sheffield,
- Manuscript date of *27 Jany 40*,
- Manuscript endorsement reading (to my eyes anyway!) *p Wm Bydon*,
- Large Crown Post Paid Sydney datestamp of JA 27 1840 in red,
- Manuscript 3 in red,
- Manuscript 8 in black,
- Backstamp of INDIA LETTER / PENZANCE in red,
- Arrival backstamp of 18 JY 1840 in red.

In an attempt to learn more about the cover I emailed an expert in the field, Colin Tabcart, to ask his help. He quickly came back to me advising that there were no post office packets between Australia and UK in 1840, all mail by private ship of opportunity. Usually the local newspapers advertised in advance as to when the next ship letter mail would depart, so senders often endorsed their letters with name of a specific ship.

Colin further advised that many ships heading to London took pilots from Falmouth or Penzance for the passage up the English Channel, and that mails were landed by the pilot boat returning to base.

From 10 January 1840 the INDIA LETTER markings became redundant, since there was an all-in UK ship letter rate of 8d for ½oz due from the recipient (this rate explains the 8 in black on the cover) but INDIA LETTER / PENZANCE markings continued in use for some time. The red 3 is the Sydney ship letter rate of 3d on all outgoing and incoming letters (per ½oz).

Figure 1 – The object of Investigation, showing Markings on front (below) and back (right).



The next challenge was to try and find the ship. I searched Google (Ref. 2) for various spellings of “William Bydon”, which led me to discover a barque of 312 tons called the *William Bryan*. Various genealogy inspired web sites (Refs 3, 4 and 5) informed me that the *William Bryan* was captained by John Roman from 1833 until 1841, when Capt Maclean took control. The same sources taught me that the ship was involved in the migration of people from Devon and Cornwall to New Zealand as well as in the deportation of convicts from all over the UK to Australia.

The most significant hit was on an Australian government site which has digitised the early newspapers (Ref. 6). Wonderfully, there is a searchable index (Ref. 7) to this site. This led me to an image of the *Commercial Journal and Advertiser*, published in Sydney on Wednesday 29 January 1840 (Figure 2). Here it is clearly stated that the *William Bryan* was just about to leave for London. The writer of this letter clearly read either this or another similar announcement and took the chance to get a letter in the post.



DEPARTURES.

For Valparaiso, on Saturday last, the barque *Hope*, Captain Cockbain, in ballast.

For New Zealand, yesterday, the brig *Lunar*, Captain Phillipine, with sundries. Passengers, Messrs. O'Farrell, Jones, Standall, Brown, and Captain Hill.

For London, same time, the barque *William Bryan*, Captain Roman, with colonial produce. Passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Holland and family Mr. Courtenay and Miss Ferguson.

Figure 2 – An extract from the *Commercial Journal and Advertiser* listing the departure of the *William Bryan*.

But what of the recipient? Searching on the primary UK genealogy site (Ref. 8) took me to the UK census for 1841. Without a forename or initial it is impossible to be certain, but a viable candidate appears to be William Holdsworth, aged 40 to 44, who was a Metal Roller at Old Park in Brightside, Sheffield.

Acknowledgement

My sincere thanks go to Colin Tabeart who willingly shared his knowledge of this field, and pointed me in the right direction to discover the rest of this story.

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The YPA Archive - Update

by Greg Spring

Thanks to the efforts of Society members across Yorkshire I have now compiled nearly all of the YPA Convention Handbooks for six decades. However, the following few are still needed to make the full set:

1947	Leeds	1953	Harrogate
1948	Sheffield & Rotherham	1955	Huddersfield
1949	Halifax	1960	Halifax
1950	Wakefield & Barnsley	1964	Bradford
1952	York	1974	Halifax

If any members have copies of these, or know where they might be found, I would be very grateful if you would get in touch. Ideally I would like to have original copies but good scans or photocopies will do. Also, photographs or advertisements of the conventions would be welcomed, as well as YPA Year and Syllabus booklets (of which I only have 1950, 1952, and 1954).

I can copy any original material sent to me and return them, if required. Material can be passed to me using the contact details found on page 1.

Thank you for your continuing help.



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Commercial Street
Last Saturday Every Month



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ANNUAL STAMP FAIR

PUDSEY CIVIC HALL

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