

METER NEWS

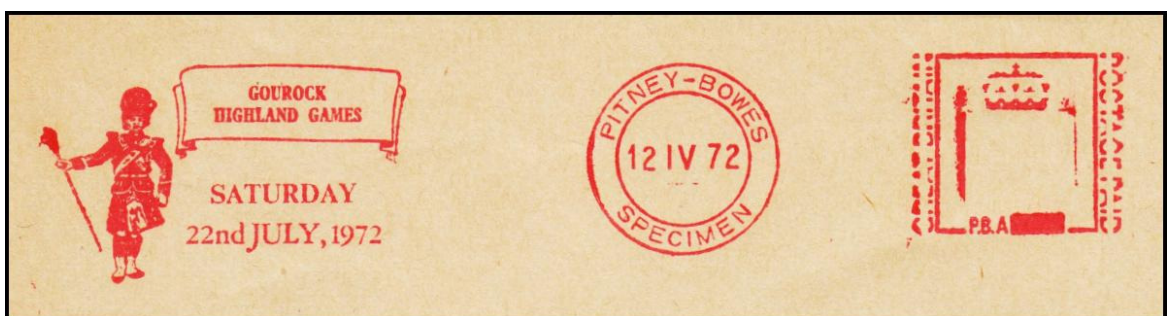
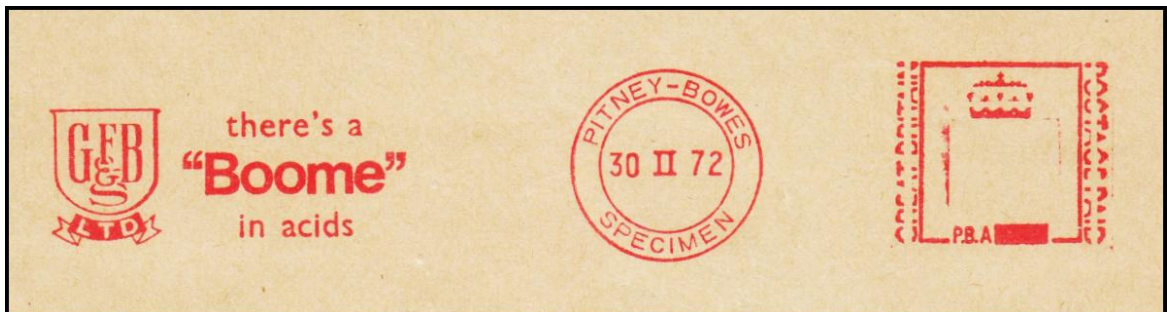
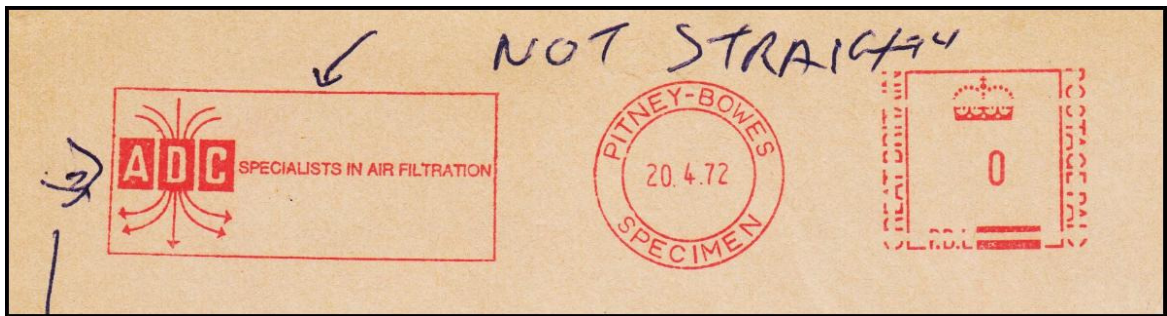
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Meter of the Month

Peter Mantell has recently acquired some Pitney Bowes specimen 'proofs' from 1972. The item here (serial prefix P.B.L) has the indicia block modified in such a way that two vertical lines appear through "GREAT BRITAIN" and "POSTAGE PAID", and two horizontal lines through the crown and the serial. The full image, with hand-written comments alongside the artwork, is shown below, together with two similar examples with the serial prefix P.B.A.



Acknowledgements

My thanks this month go to Alan Godfrey, Gwynne Harries, Peter Huss, Peter Mantell, Greg Spring and Peter Wood for their reports, communications or contributions.

Latest Numbers

Below is the list of 'latest numbers' as at the end of September 2014 – with updates shown in red. Please could I have the next reports by 28th October - thanks. In the list below, the part of the serial number that directly relates to the model is underlined.

In the table below, note that those entries that have a date format with hyphen separators are the ones in 'Design J' (matrix) format.

Frama (UK)

Matrix F2, F4, F6	<u>F1003746</u>	08.05.14	See MN 163
Matrix F12 etc.	<u>FR2000360</u>	29-07-14	See MN 165

Francotyp-Postalia

Optimail 25/35	<u>F04115620</u>	04.06.14	See MN 164
Centormail 240/300	<u>FC5110688</u>	28.04.13	See MN 163
MyMail / PostagePro	<u>FM2656873</u>	08-09-14	Reported by AN
PostBase Qi3/4/6/9	<u>FP6110743</u>	31.01.14	See MN 160
PostBase Qi3/4/6/9	<u>FP6112636</u>	11-09-14	Reported by AG
Ultimail	<u>FU3117315</u>	23.05.14	See MN 164

Neopost

IS-330	<u>N1052705</u>	06.08.13	See MN 154
IS-350	<u>N1181955</u>	14.02.14	See MN 160
Various upgraded	<u>N1240674</u>	18.11.13	See MN 158
IS-480	<u>N3030261</u>	15.09.14	Reported by PM
IS-240 / IS-280	<u>N3319102</u>	15.04.14	See MN 162
IS-5000/6000	<u>N5001704</u>	22.08.14	Reported by PM
IS-240/280	<u>NE6002346</u>	01-08-14	Reported by AN
IS-480	<u>NE8002913</u>	03-09-14	Reported by PM
IS-5000/6000	<u>NE9000151</u>	04-09-14	Reported by PM

Pitney Bowes

DM160i/220i	<u>PB167080</u>	05-09-14	Reported by AN
DM50, 55	<u>PB359702</u>	12.09.14	Reported by AN
Connect+ 1000 etc.	<u>PB551797</u>	23.04.14	See MN 162
Connect+ 10FC etc.	<u>PB557299</u>	11-08-14	Reported by PM
DM 400, 450, 475	<u>PB620521</u>	04.08.14	See MN 166
DM 110i	<u>PB881499</u>	14.08.14	See MN 166

Advanced Mail Codes

AAGH-CU	NE8001997	07.07.14	See MN 165
AAGJ-HH	HQ25668	PPI no date	See MN 160

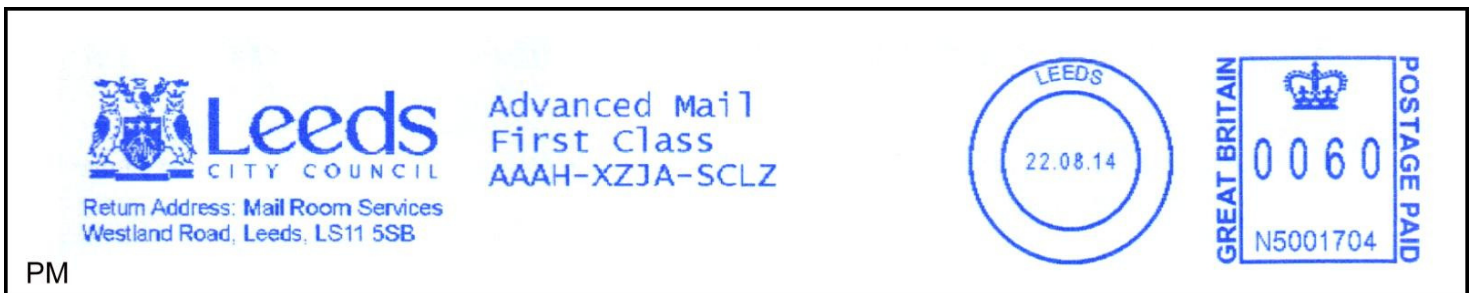
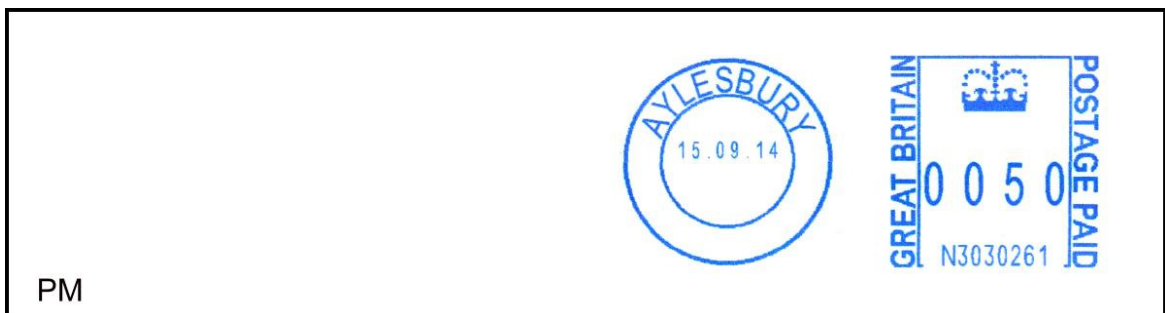
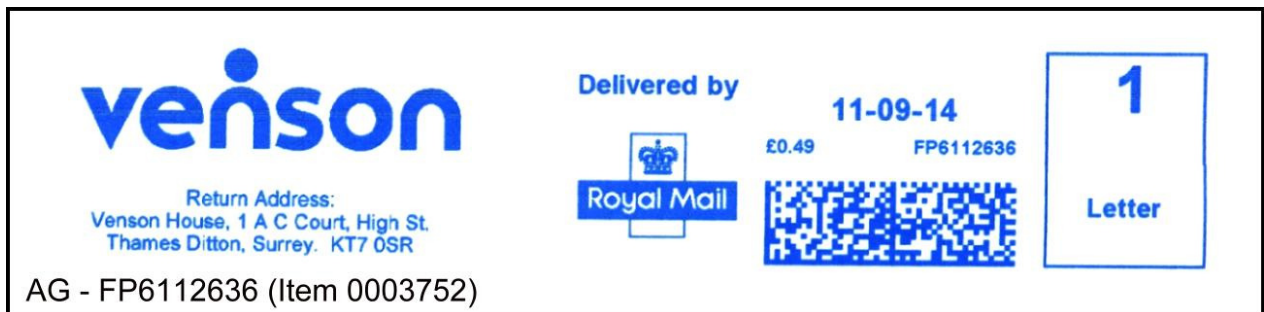
This month the N125 and N139 series have been dropped from this list as no updates have been seen on these for over a year.

Next month the FC511 and N105 series are due for retirement from this list.

Latest Number Images

Here are images of the latest numbers reported this month – with contributor's initials shown in the bottom left of each image, together with a repeat of the serial number for Mailmark items as the serials on these are in such a small font size.

Note that the item below is the first FM265 series to be reported using the Design J format.



Latest Number Images Continued



LEICESTER
GRAMMAR
SCHOOL
London Road Great Glen
Leicestershire LE8 9FL

Delivered by
Royal Mail

03-09-14
£0.35 NE8002913



2

Letter

PM - NE8002913 (Item 0000038)

FIRST
CLASS

Delivered by
Royal Mail

04-09-14
£0.49 NE9000151



1

Letter

PM - NE9000151 (Item 0005032)

Delivered by
Royal Mail

05-09-14
£0.49 PB167080




1

Letter


AN - PB167080 (Item0000085)

AN

0E
07
08
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04
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GREAT BRITAIN



0037


POSTAGE PAID
PB359702

The item below is from Pitney Bowes themselves - from their head office in Hatfield.

Advanced Mail
First Class
AAAA-ABKR-EUSU

Delivered by
Royal Mail

11-08-14
£0.60 PB557299



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Advanced

PM - PB557299 (Item 0010174)

Recent Interesting Items

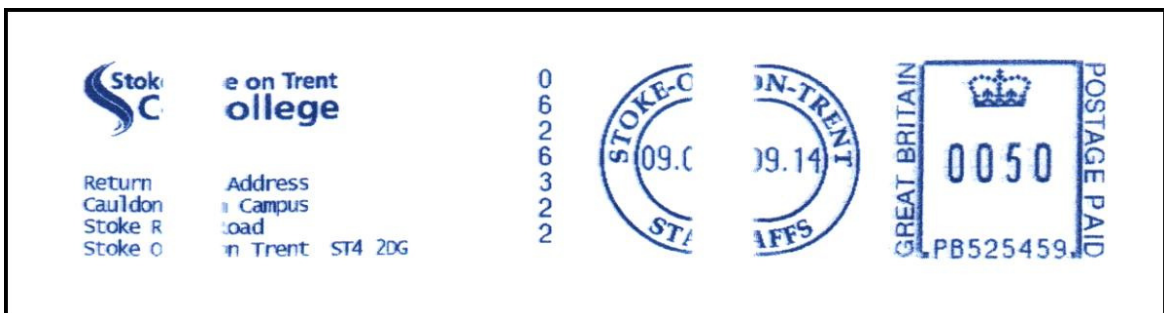
Peter Mantell sends an illustration of machine FR2000001. The user is unknown but the tagcode on the envelope showed that it originated from the Leeds area. It is not known whether machine FR2000000 also exists but it is good to see such low-numbered machines used on live mail as they are often held back by the manufacturers as demonstration models.



Peter Mantell sends this 'PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL' built-in slogan, being used on the NE9 (Design J) series.



Peter Mantell reports this significant printing glitch on a PB525 series machine.



Further to page 166-4, Peter Huss reports a further NE8 series 'Zero Test' item seen on live mail to Germany.



Recent Interesting Items continued

Peter Mantell reports a further example of red ink being used on a PB1 Design J frank.

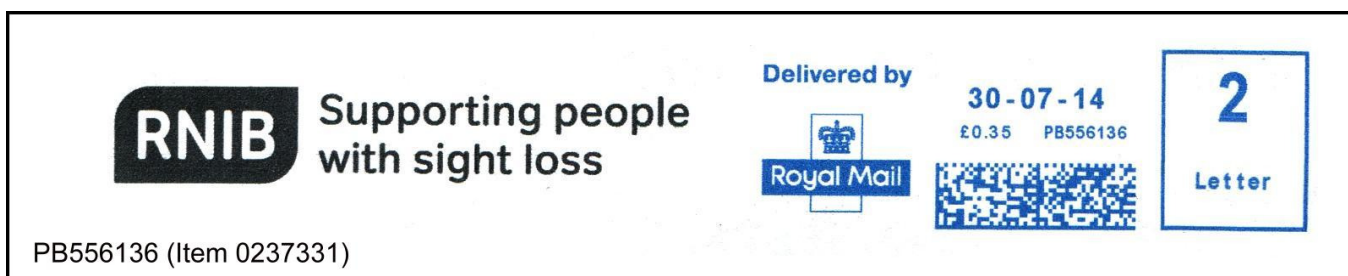


Your editor has also found this Design J item in red ink. This is also a nice Railway thematic from the West Somerset Railway.



Coloured Slogans

Greg Spring sends this black and white slogan from the Royal National Institute for the Blind.



Peter Mantell sends this coloured slogan from JLT Investment Services in Exeter.

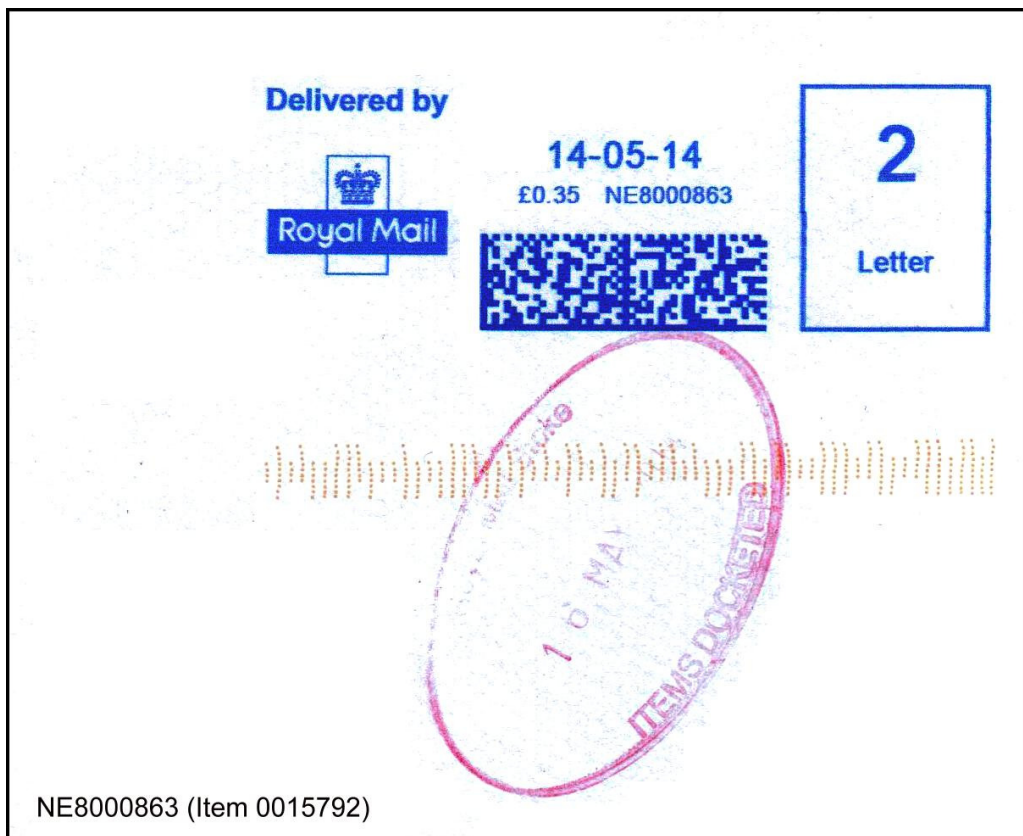


Meter Correction Handstamps

Peter Huss kindly sends this meter correction handstamp from the Heathrow Distribution Centre (HWDC). It is inscribed "Revenue Recovered / Sort to Destination" and was applied because the amount (to Europe) was underpaid.



Peter Mantell has found this handstamp inscribed 'Royal Mail Stoke / ITEMS DOCKETED'. The purpose / meaning of this meter correction handstamp is not known.

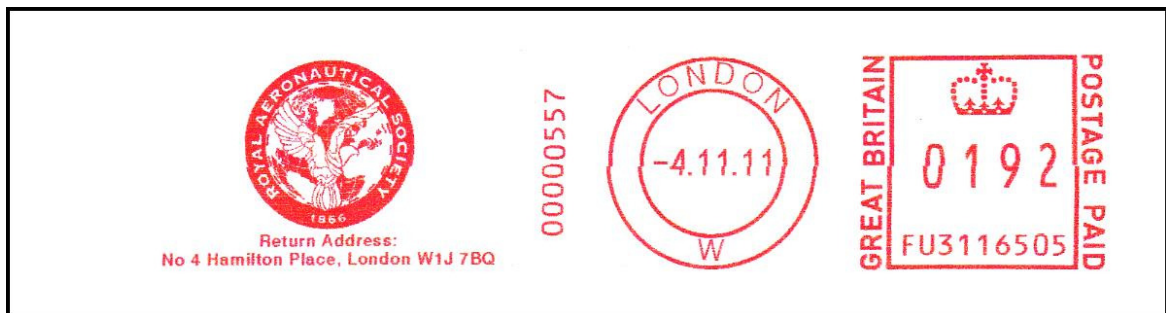


Meter Thematics

Peter Huss sends this attractive lighthouse design from the Northern Lighthouse Board, based in Edinburgh.



Peter Mantell sends this nice aerospace thematic from the Royal Aeronautical Society, based in London and established in 1866.



Peter Mantell sends this unusual school emblem from the St. Nicholas Preparatory School in London.



Finally, my Meter Thematic of the Month award goes to Peter Mantell for this Oast House being used as an emblem for the Wordsley School in Stourbridge, West Midlands.

