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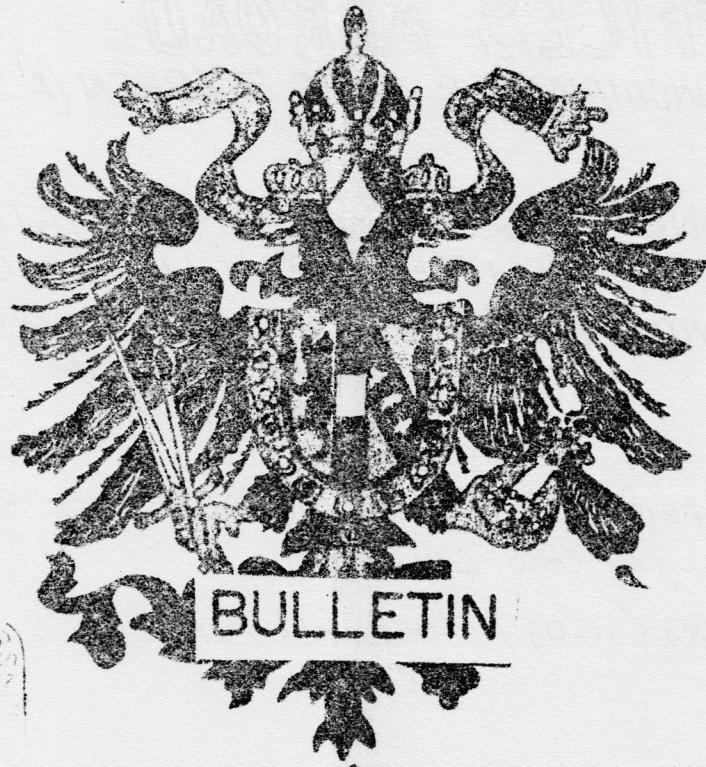
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Private Issues.

Bulletin: - Members interested in the local issues of "Katchberg" and blocks of "Kesselfall-Alpenhaus" (Private issues see catalogue) are invited to write for details or make offers C/O the bulletin Editor. The Katchberg issues are on a semi official sheet, giving details of there use, signed by Resi Kastner 31/12/1932.

Members may wonder why we offer these items through the bulletin when we keep a list of specialist members, compiled from the returns we ask you to complete at intervals. It appears that this system is doomed to failure from the onset in a number of cases. The principle reason being that no one takes the trouble to reply when an offer is made. The above items come under the file of specialists members for local issues, but 75 % of these have never heard of them before, and if they receive an offer and do not reply we are never sure why. Is it that they dont want them, or is it that they dont know them. In any case if you receive an offer of a specialised item please remember that someone went to a deal of trouble to look up your file and send you the details, the least you can do is to acknowledge. Whilst on the subject of acknowledgements members are reminded that letters from Committee members do warrant a reply. There appears to be an increasing number of people who expect replies from the committee, but who dont bother to reply in return.

Austrian Stamp Club of Gt. Britain.

Bulletin No 55. Editor. A. D. J. Littlewood.
32, Park Road, Ilford, Essex, Gt. Britain.
Assisted by K. Tranmer.
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Watford, Herts.

Meetings.

It is with very much regret that we must now abandon future London meetings. Since meetings Started under the chairmanship of Mr. Edwards some six months ago we have had extremely poor attendances. The average turnout to a meeting has been about 5 members, usually two or three are committee members, at the May meeting only three members attended. It is of interest to note that at the auction about 18 members turned up, and have not been seen at any of the following meetings. In many cases we have suffered the embarrassment of keeping a room reserved for three people much to the annoyance of the proprietor, who could have let his room out to another function. We regret this action that meetings have to cease after such a long time (10 years), but we have no alternative in the circumstances.

Recent Special Postmarks.

Dates	Legend	P.O.
29-4-62	100 Jahre Grundsteinlegung	
1-5-62	Linzer Dom 1862-1962.	Linz "2"
7-4-62		
9-4-62	Ring Osterr. Philatelistenjugend im B.O.B.V. Jugendausstellung 1962.	
		Wien 101
28-4-62	Grazer Frühjahrsmesse 1962.	Graz 1
6-5-62		

By Keith Trammer.

Vienna fell to the Red Army on the 11th April 1945, and within a few days the Russians were in complete control of the city. One of the first functions of the "Renner" Government was to establish the postal system out of the chaos left by the war. This task fell to Post Director Karl Dworschak who, after some complicated preliminary work (completed in a matter of days), then started work from the undamaged post offices in Mondscheingasse and Zollergasse. The work of these two offices covered the 21 postal districts of Vienna only, the remainder of Austria had to wait until a more favourable time or make their own arrangements. The only stamps available at the time were those German issues in current use, and these had to be overprinted before issue. It was decided to use the 3 pf. for printed matter, the 5pf. for post cards and local delivery, and the 8pf. for letters. At this time, the Austrian State Printing Works were closed due to severe bomb damage and as no other Government firm was available to do the work, it was passed over to Hohler and Co. in the Ullmannstrasse. The overprint consisted simply of the word Osterreich, but this presented a number of difficulties. After a number of experiments in which other firms joined, including one with a foot-operated platen of vintage design, the work was at last completed and the service opened on May 2nd 1945, covering all the Vienna districts. By this time, the daily output of overprinted values was some 15,000 to 20,000 sheets, all from two automatic high-speed machines and two plates. A great many varieties appeared in the overprints, and many which in normal times would have been destroyed were released in the normal manner.

Continued Over.

Austria 1945. Obliterations on Hitler Heads
Continued

The registered mail was next considered, and overprints were suggested for the stocks of German 6, 12, 30 & 42 Rpf. values. In the meantime, the postal service was extended to cover Lower Austria which actually joins Vienna but is a separate province. The Steyremuhl Press was now available, and we now get in total those values listed in Gibbons Catalogue under numbers 382-382m. These consist of the various grills and bars on German issues of 1941 listed as the Vienna and Graz overprints. The total numbers quoted for all these issues are :- Hohler & Co Last German Reich postage stamps, overprinted Österreich diagonally.
3Rpf 987,600. 5Rpf 5,447,700. 8Rpf 7,667,450
(The period of currency for Reich Pfennig, 2.5.45-27.6.47.)

Steyremuhl Printing Works
6Rpf 4,210,000 12 Rpf 3,860,000
It now appears that the 3 pf stamp was not used, and details were released from the Austrian Post Ministry that 838,558 stamps were not issued. Never the less, this value is listed at 20s in specialised catalogues which also list many of the varieties and flaws. On Russian orders, the following memorandum was issued to Postmasters.
To all post offices in Vienna and Lower Austria.
When postmarking stamps with overprint, the "Hitler" head is to be obliterated. We suggest that the best manner, subject to suitable materials, a stamp be made from metal, rubber, cork, or hard wood. The size of the stamp should be large enough to ensure complete obliteration of the design. On the envelope beside the stamp, the ordinary town postmark is to be shown. Dr. Dworschak. 4th June 1945.
Until the issue of the first Post-war Austrian stamps (28-6-45) some 365 types of obliteration were used. Ranging from handle of normal hand stamp to the rubber heel of a shoe.

Austrian Naval Postmark Collectors.

Austrian Naval postmark collectors who desire to illustrate their collection with half-plate photographs of ships, we are preparing a list of these, available from Dreadnoughts down to Submarines, some unique examples.

We are going to make one printing of existing copies only. The Price will be as follows:-

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All the above Post free.

Literature.

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A. D. J. Littlewood,
32 Park Road,
Ilford,
Essex.

C.W.O. Please.

ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE POSTAL CARD.

By Frank S. Schanzer.

Continued from Bulletin No. 54.

In the right upper corner of the front side we find the imprinted 2 Kreuzer stamp in colours varying from ochre to light yellow, with the picture of Francis Joseph I. It was only in later years that the printing institute realised the poor printing results with the yellow colour. It never produces a clear picture and does not offer any contrast. The back of the postcard was intended for the message and since this was yet a novelty, people had to be told by a printed heading on top of the reverse side: "Raum fur schriftliche Mittheilungen" meaning "Space for the written message". This charming naivete becomes even more amusing by the printed warning at the bottom of the same side. There the Postal Authorities found it necessary to add the following small print warning to the public, which reads in translation: "The Post Office Department accepts no responsibility whatsoever for the contents of the written message." It seems as though they feared that if for instance any slander appeared on an open postcard, the Post Office Department might be sued. This strange remark, the outgrowth of an over-timid soul, soon was dropped completely. Thus the honour of introducing the first postal card to the public definitely belongs to Dr. Emanuel Herrmann, for his native country of Austria. Nevertheless, von Stephan must be considered the father of the original idea, even though Germany followed his suggestion only in 1870, one year later.

Origin of the Postal Card Continued.

For comparison reasons, it might be mentioned here that the United States followed as late as 1873 with a postcard, that had the 1c Liberty Head imprinted. It has been said, that in the year 1871 Dr. Herrmann wrote a letter to von Stephan (he should have used a postal card?) in which he openly admitted the latter's (Stephans) priority to the invention.

Dr. Herrmanns letter to the Post Director General Stephan, dated January 1st, 1871, reads in translation as following, as quoted by the Reichspost Museum Berlin: "When I suggested in Austria the introduction of the correspondence card in an article in the Neue Freie Presse (Jan. 27, 1869), the idea which occurred to me during my studies of Economics, I did not know, that this particular form of communication by mail had been proposed by your excellency already two years earlier at the Postal Conference of Karlsruhe. Counsellor Kolbensteiner of the Austrian Ministry of Commerce was kind enough to draw my attention to this fact and to show me a notice which I believe had been sent to him by your excellency." In Stephans answer, Dr. Herrmann was referred to Stephans memorandum of 1865. The first issue of the Austrian Postcard appeared on October 1st 1869 and consisted of 3 varieties. Ascher, in his monumental catalogue of Postal Stationery (1928) mentions five varieties, Nos 1-a-e, of which 1b and 1c actually have the same marking, and 1d and 1e likewise except for colour of the card (White & Chamois) and, in the case of 1b and 1c, also the shade of the imprinted stamp (dark yellow & orange). More striking differences are to be found in the inner frame, which consists, as mentioned before, of alternating dots and diamonds. This pattern varies mainly in the four corners of the frame, but occasionally, in the later issues, the change of pattern is also found elsewhere in the frame of the card.

To be continued.

Sarajevo Post.

The first postal system of which we have a record was a private post operating by foot between Sarajevo and the Hungarian border (1848-1848). And soon afterwards another service opened also private, organised by the Austrian Consulate at Sarajevo. An official Turkish P.O. was established in the Bosnian Capital in 1851. Weekly services were now run from this and other P.O.s later set up in the larger towns connecting Constantinople with the Hungarian border. The inhabitants preferred the Austrian service to that of the Turks, and the Austrian service began to prosper.

A wide range of postmarks will be found from the Austrian P.O.s in Sarajevo, one which have not been listed before is the K.K. Landesbank Postamt-Sarajevo. Pre-adhesive covers are now extremely difficult to find, but there is a plentiful supply of the various Military Postmarks up to the outbreak of World War I.

Austrian Troops entered Bosnia on the 29th July 1878, and Herzegovina on the 1st August, by the 20th September both provinces were under military occupation. The Turks were using postage stamps in 1863, but no examples are known to the author, however this is of no consequence to the Austrian specialist. The horse drawn mail cart used by the Austrian Consular Post is seen on the pictorial stamps of 1908, and once outside the town boundaries this vehicle would be escorted by a unit of cavalry. It is interesting to note that one of the last Sarajevo postmarks to be used before the break up of the Austrian Empire was a special red postmark marking the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand in 1914. Picture Postcards of the spot where the murder took place were sold in conjunction with the postmark, by the Austrian P.O. in Sarajevo.

We apologise to members who received this packet twice in the course of a few weeks. It appears that No 21 on the list decided to post it on to No 11 on the postal list, although all 21 members had seen it. Unfortunately the members concerned continued to post to the next on the list until someone decided that it was unfair of the club to send material round twice and returned it. We remind all members to exercise care when addressing a packet, and when you have seen it, indicate this on the list by crossing through your name. We believe that this case was a deliberate hoax, but it is common practice to miss names or write the wrong name with the correct address usually resulting with the packet going back to the G.P.O. unopened. We have even had a case where a combination of two successive names and address's were combined, resulting in the packet arriving (fortunately) at the address of a brother of one of the members in the same town.

Auction.

Due to the fact we have had to cancel meetings, the June auction will not take place as planned. There is some material on hand and we have decided to try a postal auction in spite of the poor response from postal bidders at our last sale. We hesitate to ask for additional material, but in recent weeks the number of books turning up for packet sales has trebled, and we have had to turn away covers to keep down to weight and maintain a balance of material. This is the first time in many years that this has occurred, and if more material is forthcoming we can always send around another list.

Tape-Recording.

A letter has been received from the Rev. Harold Bacon, who is a member of the Austrian Stamp Club, in which he suggests the making of tape-recordings of things of interest which could be sent around to interested members. It is suggested that this would be much easier than writing and duplicating and also much more personal, and free and easy. Other members could add any comments they wished to make at the end. Interested members please contact :-

The Rev. Harold Bacon,
58 Singleton Road,
Salford 7,
Lancs.

Wanted.

Wanted to purchase the following books:-

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by Count Corti.

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by Otto Ernst.

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by A. J. P. Taylor.

Please write C/O Editor state condition
and price inclusive of postage.

Note .All books must be in english.

Packets.

We did not send out packet 56c as listed in the last Bulletin, because the number of members who requested it (3) did not warrant the amount of work involved. In actual fact the response to the others in this group (56a/56b) was not as large as expected. Those who missed packet 56b, missed a real opportunity to acquire some very good material at ridiculously cheap prices, needless to say the entire was sold out before completion by the 8 or so members interested. There was no giving away of material in the group "A" but there was an example of a very reasonable run of covers compared with the same lot priced against Muller points. We regret that none of the material could go over seas, the member who wanted Prag Postmarks would have found very little to interest him in this lot. One thing which does emerge from the record is that the specialised member is having a lean time finding Material, but that which he holds already in his collection is in great demand, whilst the non specialised member who is satisfied with collecting stamps against a list of catalogue numbers is still easy to satisfy. From an estimated 80 who could have examined these packets, we reckon that 50 are not interested in departing from the catalogue, 10 did not read the bulletin, 10 forgot to write, or left it to late. Please note in future that we are not accepting any more covers for the exchange packet without prior arrangement with the packet secretary. We have on hand just about 200 different modern covers, some of which I regret to say we shall have to return to the owners, 500 naval & military covers, some in lots of 50 going very cheaply, and about 150 early items. We like to strike a balance in the Packets of covers and stamps, and at the moment it is books of stamps for the packets we require. If encourage this we will go to a fair amount of trouble on your behalf, you need only write for help and advice.

packets.

Important.

Current holders of packets on receipt of this bulletin, please delete the name of Mr.A.Castle from the lists. Unfortunately Mr.Castle expects to go into Hospital at very short notice and has requested that his name be deleted from packet list.

Have you ever seen a Naval Travelling Post Office ?. Among some recent discoveries by Fred Pirotte of Paris was just such an item, and so far as we know listed for the first time.

Description. Normal double circle postmark, with bars, date and wings (listed in Austrian Feldpostmarks 1914-18 by Keith Tranmer, published by the A.S.C. in 1957) Triest - x - Kumbor, the space between the stations filled by a small ship. If you are interested please write, we will await a copy of the postmark before we attempt an illustration.

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by J.F. GIBLIN.

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Review by Edwin Mueller in the Mercury Stamp Journal:-
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Dated

September 1962.

AUSTRIAN STAMP CLUB of
GREAT BRITAIN - NEWS LETTER

From - K.Tranmer.

Dear Members,

There will be a delay of two or three weeks until the new bulletin is ready, and so to fill the gap I thought you may like the latest news so that at least you may not think you are forgotten.

The new Editor will be Rev.Harold Bacon,

of 58, Singleton Road, Salford.7. Lancs. I know the plans he has for the new bulletin and I think you will be delighted with the results. I would like you to note the address so that you can send items for inclusion to him, and at the same time I should like to inform you all that Mr.Bacon is now the Secretary, and will in conjunction with Mr.Sydall run the new series of meetings in Manchester.

CLUB OFFICIALS 1962-63.

President & Packets.- K.Tranmer. 8,Billet Close. Hornchurch,Essex.

Chairman(London) A.Edwards. 36, Gammons Lane. Watford. Herts.

Note.- London meetings will be resumed only if a minimum of 10 members are willing to attend, and notify Mr.Edwards in advance. Mr.Edwards to act as Auditor if meetings are not restarted.

Treasurer. L.Scadden. 37, Mead Road. Edgware. Middlesex.- Also New Issues Section

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Chairman.(Manchester) J.Sydall. 21,Moscow Road. Edgeley, Stockport, Lancs.

That then is your committee, I think it looks a little better on the face of things to some of our earlier efforts, many of who turned out to be names on paper when it came to the AGM. A number of people write to me about "MY" Club, and last week I had a 2/6d postal order crossed K.Tranmer & Co.; I would point out to you that although I appear to be a one man concern, it is by accident rather than choice. Those who have followed the course of the ASC in the last 10 years will know the number of times I have had to step in to recover everything from New Issues to bulletins when some committee member decided to give up.

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BOOK-REVIEW.-

AUSTRIAN POST OFFICES ABROAD....part.2.

by S.D.Tchilinghirian & W.S.E.Stephen.

In the last bulletin I had the pleasure of reviewing the part one of this series of handbooks. It appears that my words had some effect for orders are now pouring in to Mr.Stephen. (94, High Street. Aberlour, Banffshire.) from A.S.C.members.

Without doubt this series of books will be a best seller so far as such things go in the world of Philatelic Literature. As members of the ASC you will naturally lend your support, but if you are holding back your order, and consequently losing the members discount, may I give you just one aspect which I think stands out. It is this, if you can find just one of the many postmarks illustrated so far, cheaply among some old rubbish, the chances are that it will be worth 10 times the price you pay for the two volumes. I say find in rubbish, because that is where most of the issues of 1900 to 1914 finish up, just job lots in auctions, sold by the thousand.

Part 2 of this series is in the form of a catalogue, I think that is the fairest way I can describe it, but it is a catalogue with a difference, because along with the prices of each item is a wealth of information that makes very good reading. Now I know that someone is bound to say that Tranmer has a weakness for Maritime Mail, and is attracted by anything connected with it, but at the same time please remember that in a long association with Austrian stamps I have become tired of reading the same old thing rehashed to appear new, and I welcome anything that throws new ideas (open to everybody) into the field of Austria. Austrian P.O.s Abroad parts 1 & 11. are a must for all those who collect Austrian stamps, and the finest piece of publicity the A.S.C.could wish for. Part 11. covers the Austria Lloyd; Black Sea Lines; and all Lines 1888-1914. The price is now 30/- per volume post free from Mr.Stephen at the above address.

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MANCHESTER - 13th October 1962. Houldsworth Hall. Deansgate. 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

This is the date of the first meeting of the ASC in the north of England. If you wish to attend will you please send a p.c. to the Secretary,

I am hoping to be able to attend this first meeting myself, and perhaps give a short display. I have suggested to some London group members that they may care to join me for the day. If anyone is interested please let me know. A party could go by car from London in about 4½ hours sharing the cost. I should like to know before the 1st October the names of members interested so that I have time to cancel arrangements should I be otherwise engaged in the day.

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BOLTON EXHIBITION

Bolton Art Gallery-November 1962 (First three weeks in November)

Theme for the ASC is the Danube outlined in the last bulletin, however those members who do not want to enter the competition may send selections of material on any subject they wish. All material must be in the hands of Mr. Sydall by the last week in October. Stamp Collecting for November 1960 has an article on the Danube theme suitable for those entering modern stamps. Back numbers may be obtained from "The Editor-42 Maiden Lane, London, W.C.2." Back numbers are also available for:- Fieldpost Stamps 1915 (May 1961) Lombardy 1861 Issue (April 1960, Mariazell 1 schilling (Dec. 1959) Newspaper Stamps 1853-1877 (Sept. 1962) 1945 Issue (March 1962) Przemysl Siege Mail 1915 (May 1960) There are also a number of general articles of topical interest. I do hope that as many members as possible will enter the competition or send along an exhibit from their collection. It is a little difficult for me to go north again in November, but if I can make it, I shall, and it will give me a great deal of pleasure to judge the exhibits. I wonder if this year we could have a few photographs of the ASC contribution? Last year it was a very worthy effort, and well worth a snap or two.

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Gindl Handbook. Part 4 has still not appeared, but is due out any day now. Your order is not forgotten. If any member wishes to purchase the plate flaws listed in this book, he may do so on application to Herr. Gindl. (Linz a.d. Donau., Josef Tiefelstrasse.) I am informed that he has selections ready for those interested in the form of approvals. The prices are full catalogue, he wishes to make it clear that his catalogue/handbook is also his price list.

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Netto Catalogue 1963 Edition

This has been published, but the club have not received copies to date. If you ordered one, I can assure you that you will get it just as soon as they arrive. You will be told in good time if we cannot supply them at the Club rate so that you can make your own arrangements. I mention this because a number of members have written to ask what has happened to their order. If you do not already use this catalogue I strongly advise you to make a start now. Many special items of Austria are listed and priced, and quite recently I can quote stamps selling in the packets at twice Netto Catalogue price, because the standard Gibbons Europe does not list them. It's an expensive hobby if you have to guess at values like that, fortunately for 'you' I had the prices corrected, and if you are one of the 75% who do not use this catalogue, do please order one while there is still time.

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Orders for the ship photographs are now completed. The samples in the current packets aroused the interest of 4 members only I am sorry to say, and so we cannot go ahead making any further printings. A section of Naval Mail, and the photographs of the ships from which the material originates will be shown at Bolton in November.

-----PACKETS-----

When posting the packet, please try to remember the lid of the box. On the lid of the box are listed the contents, but apart from that it affords protection for the contents. You wouldn't think anyone could forget posting the box without a lid, but two members have done so in recent weeks. So if you receive a packet without a lid, please let us know.

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The next New Issue is another in the "Sport" series. Value 1.80s-First Day 5.10.62. Mr Scadden will supply to all N.I. subscribers at the usual rate to members.

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Auctions- Most of you will know that Harmer Rook are offering a collection of postmarks next month. I think most of the ASC are bidding as usual, at least your letters seem to indicate this. Some items look a bit expensive before the bidding starts, and I usually find that with sales of this type the bidding runs away from the true value. Muller quotes points for postmarks, but there are times now when the auctioneer starts at more than the points quotation. I am beginning to think that London has passed Vienna, at least in Vienna they stay inside the catalogue price, but London now seems full of collectors with more money than sense, even damaged stamps are bought, commoner values included. Perhaps in the bulletin next time we can show the comparison.

STOP PRESS

The Post Ministry in Vienna have just announced the following stamp release.-

Building Series. 40g. 60g. 80g. 1.20s. 2.20s. First Day 25/9/62 Quite out of the blue came this announcement, just one day before release. Mr. Scadden will have it all in hand in due course.

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It is suggested that a special exchange packet could be sent to the Manchester group at each meeting, and this is receiving consideration.

X 5/- Bulletin fee now due