

FEATURE ARTICLE

LETTER BOXES ON BRITISH POSTMARKS

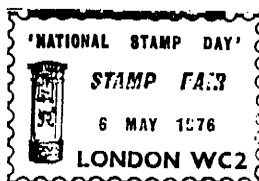
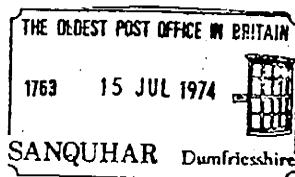
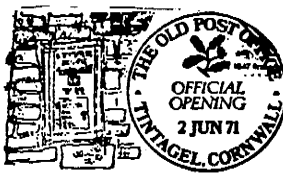
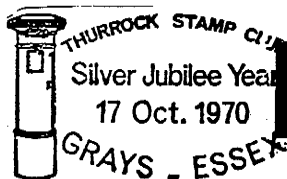
By Glenn H Morgan

Readers will be aware that on 8 October, Royal Mail will be issuing an excellent set of five stamps commemorating the introduction of the British roadside letter box.

It will probably come as no surprise to learn that many postmarks, either depicting or mentioning letter boxes, have been used down the years. These include special handstamps, postal slogans and operational cachets. (Non-Post Office produced cachets are outside the scope of this feature, but make an interesting few pages in a collection when obtained cheaply.)

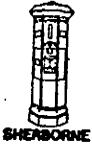
This article is intended to serve as a pictorial record of the official markings, but is bound to be incomplete. The compiler would therefore welcome clear photostats of missing items for a possible supplementary feature in due course.

Special handstamps 1970-89 are shown here, other handstamps, slogans and cachet will be featured in the next Bulletin.

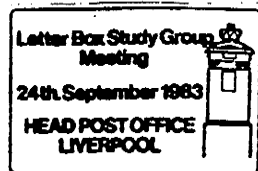
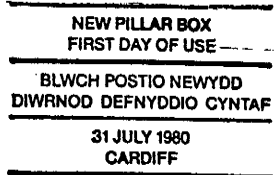
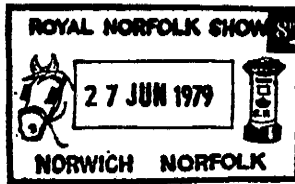
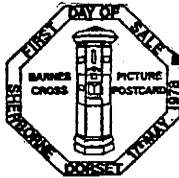


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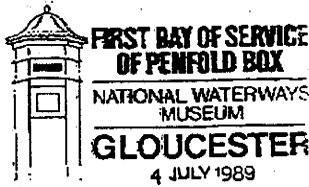
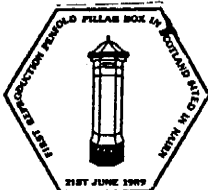
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