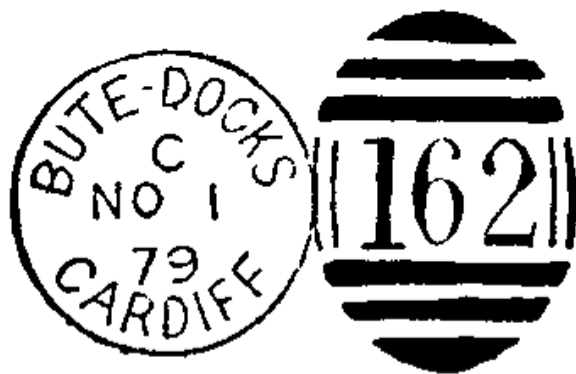# BARRED NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS
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It incorporates the following:

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.

 1844

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.

 3HOS   3TH.HOS

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.

 4VOS   3VOS   3CD

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

 4VOD   3VOD

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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GLAMORGANSHIRE   INDEX

TAIBACH 773	**TYLORSTOWN 855**
TON PENTRE G56	**UPPER CWMTWRCH A86**
TONYPANDY 989	**WATTSTOWN H24**
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TREALAW 994	**WEST CROSS 121**
TREBANOS 119	Whitchurch, Cardiff 40
TREFOREST E56	**YNYSHIR A88**
TREHARRIS D49 & 812	**YNYSMEUDWY H07 & E50**
TREHERBERT 986	**YNYSYBWL H63**
TREORCHY 987	**YSTALYFERA E38 &** 045
TROEDYRHIW B56	**YSTRAD RHONDDA 988**

19 GILFACH GOCH

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1871 to 1875, Sub Office of Bridgend 1875 to 1893,
Sub Office of Blackmill RSO 1893 to 1895, Sub Office of Bridgend 1895 to 1900,
Railway Sub Office 1900 to 1902, Sub Office of Bridgend 1902 to 1933, Sub
Office of Tonyrefail 1933 to 1941, Sub Office of Porth 1941 to present.
Gilfach Goch was allocated number 19 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.
Number 19 was later allocated to Amlwch, Anglesey 1924 to 1962.
The 19 3VOS sent when Gilfach Goch became a Sub office of Bridgend in 1875.

3VOS
JAN1874

3VOS GPO

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40 Whitchurch, Cardiff
    Whitchurch was allocated number 40 in the 1962 list.

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44 RESOLVEN

Sub Office of Neath 1858 to 1861, closed 1861 to 1864, Sub Office of Neath 1864
to present.
Resolven was allocated number 44 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.
Number 44 was previously allocated to Tideswell (Derbys) 1844 to 1857, later
to Belford (Northumb) 1924 to 1962.

3VOS
FEB1874

3VOS GPO

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63 Bargoed
    Bargoed was allocated number 63 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

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119 TREBANOS

Changed its name from The Pheasant Bush (a pub) to Trebanos in 1888, Sub Office of
Swansea 1888 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town
1905 to 1913, Sub Office of Pontardawe 1913 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present.
Trebanos was allocated number 119 in the 1892 to 1906 lists.
Number 119 was allocated to Edmonton, London 1874 to 1887, Bulwell, Nottinghamshire
1924 to 1959 and Llanrumney, in Monmouthshire sometime after 1962

3VOS NOT
PROOFED

119 CANCELLATIONS USED IN EDMONTON

3VOS Used from 25 JUN1903 to 28 JUL1906   Price G £60+

No 119 on a loose stamp issued after 1883 will be Trebanos not Edmonton.

120 BRIDGEND

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Bridgend was allocated number 120 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 443 Aberkenfig 1844 to 1893 & 1902 to present, 333 Blackmill 1853 to 1893 & 1895 to present, 348 Coity 1875 to present, 433 Maesteg 1844 to 1893 & 1902 to 1991, 747 Nantyffyllon 1876 to 1893, 331 Nantymoel 1875 to 1893, 435 Newton 1867 to 1893, 452 Porthcawl 1845 to 1893 & 1902 to 1910, 731 Spelter Works 1855 to 1895.

1844
APR1844

1844
APR1849

3HOS
JUL1849

1844 USED AT RINGWOOD
IN ERROR
FROM MAY1850 TO FEB1868

3HOS
SEP1854

3HOS
FEB1858

3HOS
APR1862

3HOS
AUG1862

1844 Used from 7 JUN1844 to 7 OCT1853   Price A £6
3HOS Used from 7 OCT1853 to NOV1864 Price E £10

4VOS
OCT1868

3VOS
SEP1876

4VOS GPO
3VOS GPO

3CD
SEP1858

3CD   Used from 24 NOV1858 to 28 JUN1866   Codes: C D G   Price C £6

Two identical 3CD's were proofed in Sep1858 & Mar1866, the latter is illustrated

4VOD
OCT1868

4VOD
MAR1871

4VOD
APR1874

4VOD   Used from 25 OCT1868 to 2 AUG1892   Codes: B C G N   Price A £4

3VOD
MAR1886

3VOD Time in code   Used from 16 MAR1887 to 27 OCT1901   Codes: B C E G I K M N
none   Price C £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code   Used in 2 FEB1895   Code: IF*P   Price H £25

3VOD Time in full   Used from 8 JUL1896 to 6 JUL1906

Times: 1030AM 1130AM 145PM 230PM 3PM 3 330PM 345PM 445PM 545PM 630PM
645PM 7PM 715PM 8PM 8 9PM 915PM 930PM 930   Price A £3

121 PYLE

Sub Office of Bridgend 1844 to 1853, Sub Office of Taibach 1853 to 1865, Sub Office of
Bridgend 1865 to present.

Pyle was allocated number 121 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 121 was later allocated to West Cross, Glamorganshire 1874 to 1906 then Redhill,
Surrey 1929 to 1962.

1844
APR1844

3HOS
AUG1856

THE MORPETH ERROR OF NUMBER
A 3HOS SENT IN NOV1853 THAT HAS ONLY BEEN SEEN
USED AT MORPETH

1844   Used from 18 JAN1845 to 16 SEP1858   Price E £30

Occurs with a Pyle cud and a Bridgend cds

3HOS   Used on 8 JUL1858   Price H £150

Seen in blue

The 3HOS 18NOV1853 entry in the Proof Books was only used in Morpeth from
9 FEB1854 to 6 JUN1856. The later 3HOS 7Aug1856 Proof Book entry has only been seen
used on a loose stamp, it is assumed to have been used in Pyle.

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121 WEST CROSS

Sub Office of Swansea 1869 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922
to 1933, Town Sub Office of Mumbles 1933 to present.

West Cross was allocated number 121 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

Number 121 was previously allocated to Pyle, Glamorganshire 1844 to 1857
then Redhill, Surrey 1929 to 1962.

3VOS   Used from 18 AUG1875 to 3 JAN1887   Price H £100+

3VOS
APR1874

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133 Briton Ferry

Briton Ferry was allocated number B66 in the lists from 1874 to 1924 and 133 from 1924 to
1962.

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135 TONYREFAIL see also 801

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1857 to 1874, Sub Office of Cardiff 1874 to 1880,
Sub Office of Llantrisant RSO 1880 to 1885, Sub Office of Pontyclun RSO
1885 to 1891, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1891 to 1893, Sub Office of Porth RSO
1893 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1910, Post Town 1910 to 1941,
Sub Office of Porth 1941 to present.

Tonyrefail was allocated number 135 in the 1882 to 1887 lists and later number 801 in the 1892 to 1906 lists.

Number 135 was previously allocated to Caxton, Cambridgeshire in 1844 to
1857 and later to Corbridge, Northumberland 1892 to 1906 and then
Brockenhurst, Hampshire 1924 to 1962.

3VOS   GPO

3VOS
JUN1874

143 PONTARDAWE see also E37

Sub Office of Swansea 1848 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1873, Sub Office of Swansea 1873 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present.

E37 4VOS issued when Pontardawe became a RSO in 1869. Pontardawe was first allocated number E37 in the 1874 to 1902 lists and then 143 in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

E37 4VOS issued in APR1869 and used in JUN1873. 143 4VOD issued in JUL1874 and used from OCT1876 to MAR1907 Number 143 was previously allocated to Temple Sowerby (Westmd) in the 1844 to 1857 lists.

4VOD
JUL1874

4VOD Time in code   Used from 15 OCT1876 to 7 MAY1899
   Codes: A C D Dsdwys F   Price E £12
4VOD Time in full   Used from 13 NOV1899 to 12 MAR1907
   Times: 12PM 1215PM 1230PM 5PM 515PM 545PM 615PM 645PM 64530   Price A £3

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156 MAESYCWMMER   Is in Monmouthshire not Glamorganshire

3VOS
JUN1874

3VOD NOT
PROOFED

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156 HENGOED

Hengoed "used" number 156 in a 3VOS in 1922 (this was on a plain piece of paper).
Sub Office of Oswestry 1860 onwards
The Office called "Main Street Maesycwmmer" was renamed Hengoed by 1921.
Hengoed was allocated number 057 in the 1962 list.

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162 CARDIFF

Head Post Office 1844 to present.
Cardiff was allocated number 162 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.
   Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 771 Caerphilly 1844 to 1932, 156 Maesycwmmer
   (Mon) 1874 to 1921, by 1921 a Town Receiving House of Hengoed (Glam). E32 Pontlottyn 1872
   to 1932, 163 Pontypridd 1844 to 1850, F47 St Mellons (Mon) 1854 to 1999.

 1844
APR1844

 3HOS
MAY1853

 3HOS
MAY1862

1844 Used from 4 JUN1844 to 11 NOV1852 Price E £12
1844 in blue Used on 11 NOV1852
3HOS   Used from 30 JUL1853 to 23 APR1858   Price E £10

 4VOS
JUL1870

 3VOSA
JUN1878

4VOS GPO
3VOSA (162 no dot) Seen used in 1889   Price H* £60
    Another was proofed on 4 FEB1882
3VOSB (with dot) see Cardiff Docks

 SDWYS II
DEC1854

 SDWYS II
FEB1857

 SDWYS Va
SEP1857

SDWYS II   Used from 15 JAN1855 to 23 NOV1857   Codes: A B C Cinv D E F none
    Price A £10
SDWYS Va Used from 7 SEP1857 to 20 APR1858   Codes: B D E   Price B £10

 3CD
APR1858

 3CD
NOV1859

 3CD
JAN 1863

 3CD
JAN1868

3CD   Used from 28 JUN1858 to 25 MAY1876   Codes: B C D E F G H I K L   Price A £4
  Ten were proofed between APR1858 and JAN1868 of which at least two were
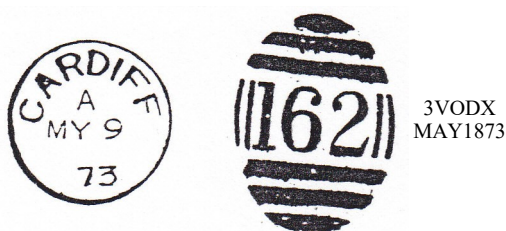   duplicates.

4CD
SEP1863

4VODA
JUL1870

4CD   Used from 15 SEP1865 to 19 NOV1868   Codes: H I   Price D £8
4VODA (Straight Cardiff)   Used from 23 JUL1870 to 23 JAN1873   Codes: A D H I K L none
   Price A £3

4VODB
AUG1872

4VODB
AUG1874
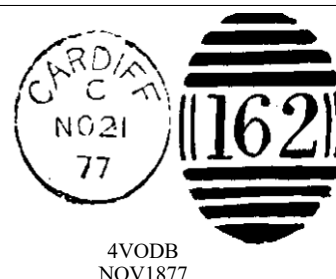
4VODB
NOV1877

4VODB (Curved Cardiff)   Used from 19 AUG1872 to 7 JUL1887   Codes: C E F H I K L
   Price A £3

3VODX
MAY1873

3VODX   Used from 27 OCT1873 to 30 NOV1875   Codes: H I K L   Price G £50+
Similar 3VODXs were issued to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. 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 a new style of handstamp or cancelling machine.
What ever the nature of the experiment it appears to have been a failure.
In the Proof Books the cds and obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an
angle and some distance from the obliterator. They were the first 3VOD cancels to be issued.

3VOD
MAY1874

3VOD
JUN1878

3VOD Time in code   Used from 20 SEP1874 to 17 SEP1894
   Single letter codes: A C D E H I K L M P Double codes: FV PC O3 R1 R2 U1 VE WD WR
   XD XE XR Price A £3   Two part codes were used from MAY1889 onwards, the left hand
   letter probably was the handstamp identification letter. Between MAY1874 and JUL1887
   twenty-one were proofed, there are many later subtypes that were not proofed.
3VOD Time in full   Used from 24 MAY1897 to 4 JUN1904
   Times: 125AM 1AM 145AM 1045AM 125PM 345PM 730PM 830PM 9PM 930PM 10PM
   Price D £3   Squared Circles in use: SEP1881 to AUG1905

3VODSL
APR1879

3VODSL (Cardiff Ship Letter in cds)   Used on 1 APR1910   Code: none   Price H £750

162 BARRY DOCK BO   Branch Office established in 1890.
   Renamed Barry BO in 1897.
3VODBA (Barry Docks BO Cardiff in cds)
   Used from 28 JUN1891 to 28 APR1894   Codes: B C D G J O
   Price G £50
   Squared Circles in use: SEP1892 to APR1895

3VODBA NOT
PROOFED
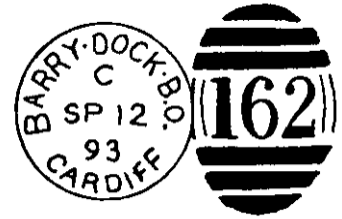
162 BUTE DOCKS   Sub Office of Cardiff 1847 to Present.
Reduced from a Branch Office to a Town Sub Office 1984.
3VODBU (Bute Docks Cardiff in cds)
   Used from 20 NOV1879 to 6 JUL1883   Codes: A C D
E   none   Price E £35
   Squared Circles in use: MAR1886 to APR1887

3VODBU
NOV1879
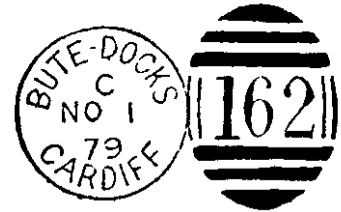
162 CARDIFF DOCKS
3VOSB (162. with dot)   GPO

3VOSB
SEP1874

162 EAST DOCK   Sub Office of Cardiff 1874 to 1895, closed 1895.

4VODED
MAR1874

3VODED
JUN1880

4VODED (East Dock Cardiff)   GPO
3VODED (East Dock Cardiff)   GPO

162A Barry was allocated number 162A in the 1929 to 1949 and number 185 in the 1959 to
   1962 lists.
162B Penarth was allocated number A94 in the 1874 to 1906 lists and number 162B in the
   1929 to 1962 lists.

163 PONTYPRIDD

Sub Office of Cardiff 1844 to 1850, Head Post Office 1850 to present.

Pontypridd was allocated number 163 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 985 Aberdare 1851 to 1854, H24 Aberllechau (later called Wattstown)1884 to 1885, 993 Blaenllecha (later called Ferndale) 1867 to 1877, D42 Blaenllecha 1880 to 1893, H63 Clivetown 1886 to 1889, D55 Clydach Vale 1880 to 1893, 991 Cymmer 1855 to 1893, 990 Dinas 1852 to 1893 & 1902 to 1906, 19 Gilfach Goch 1871 to 1875, 163 Hafod 1878 to 1905, D36 Hopkinstown 1869 to 1893, F92 Llantrisant 1850 to 1873, H42 Llantwit Varde 1868 to 1937, B18 Maerdy 1879 to 1893, D98 Pentre 1869 to 1893, 252 & 992 Penygraig 1874 to 1893, 991 Porth 1885 to 1893 & 1902 to 1909, G34 Quakers Yard 1873 to 1884, 855 South Ferndale 1878 to 1879, G56 Ton Pentre 1882 to 1893, 989 Tonypandy 1872 to 1893, 135 & 801 Tonyrefail 1857 to 1875 & 1892 to 1893, 994 Trealaw 1876 to 1893, E56 Treforest 1850 to present, D49 Treharris 1881 to 1884, 986 Treherbert 1857 to 1893, 987 Treorchy 1867 to 1893, 855 Tylorstown 1879 to 1893, H24 Wattstown 1885 to 1893, A88 Ynshir 1881 to 1893, H63 Ynysybwl 1889 to present, 988 Ystrad Rhondda 1867 to 1893 & 1902 to 1905.
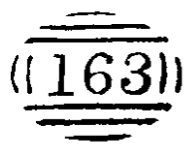
| 1844
APR1844 | 3HOS
SEP1854 | 3HOS
SEP1857 | 3HOS
JAN1859 | 3HOS
JAN1864 |

1844 Used from 4 JUL1851 to 23 SEP1853   Price H £60

(rare because it was a Sub Office from 1844 to 1850)

3HOS Used from 13 DEC1855 to 25 JUL1866   Price B £6

| 4VOSA
JUN1870 | 4VOSB
MAR1872 | 3VOSA
JUN1873 | 3VOSA
SEP1884 | 3VOSB
OCT1875 |

4VOSA (Round top three)   GPO

4VOSB (Flat top three)   GPO

3VOSA (no dot)   GPO

3VOSB (with dot)   GPO

3VOS   In addition to those illustrated above, three other 3VOS were proofed later, each with a cds:-   5 Aug1885 to Pwllgwaun,   1 Mar1887 to Coedpenmaen,
   31 Mar1887 to Wood Road.

4VODA
AUG1866
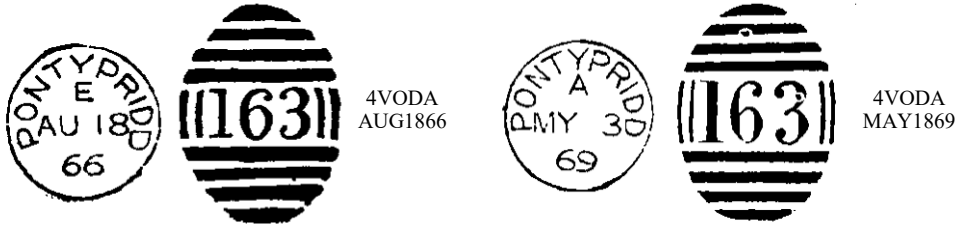
4VODA
MAY1869

4VODA (Round top three)   Used from 15 APR1869 to 18 DEC1872   Codes: B C D 3 4
Price E £12

4VODB
MAR1872

4VODB
OCT1872

4VODB
JUN1873

4VODB
MAY1874

4VODB
SEP1876

4VODB (Flat top three) Time in code Used from 11 MAR1872 to 16 JUN1893
   Codes: A B C D F 3K 3L Price A £3
4VODB (Flat top three) Time in full Used from 22 OCT1898 to 26 JUL1901
   Times: 1245PM 115PM 445PM 5PM 545PM 745PM 845PM   Price E £3

3VOD
MAY1884

3VOD Time in code (Single code letter) Used on 24 JUN1881   Code D   Price H £10
3VOD Time in code (number 2 as a handstamp identification number)
   Used from 24 MAY1884 to 17 APR1890   Codes: 2C 2E 2F 2J 2K   Price E £6
3VOD Time in full Used from 14 AUG1896 to 5 SEP1902
   Times: 5AM 545AM 1030AM 115PM 345PM 745PM 845PM 1145PM   Price C £4
   Squared Circles in use: SEP1881 to AUG1907

HAFOD, PONTYPRIDD 163   Sub Office of Pontypridd 1878 to
1905, A Town Receiving House 1893 to 1905.
Renamed Trehafod in 1905.

3VODH (Hafod Pontypridd in cds)
   Used from 8 JUL1895 to 7 OCT1902 Codes: A C Cinv Price H
£60+

3VODH NOT
PROOFED

185 Barry
   Barry was allocated number 162A in the 1929 to 1949 and number 185 in the 1959 to 1962
   lists.

211 DERRI / DERI
Railway Sub Office (Monmouthshire) 1872 to 1874, Railway Sub Office
(Glamorganshire) 1874 to 1878, Sub Office of Cardiff 1878 to 1932,
Sub Office of Bargoed 1932 to Present.
Number 211 first allocated to Boxford, Suffolk 1844 to 1857, Derri 1882 to
1906, then later to Cosham, Hampshire in the 1924 to 1962 lists.
Transferred from Monmouthshire to Glamorganshire in 1874.

3VOS   GPO

3VOS
OCT1874

224 COWBRIDGE
Head Post Office 1844 to 1901, Railway Sub Office 1901 to 1905, Independent Sub Office
1905 to 1925, Sub Office of Cardiff 1925 to 1933, Post Town 1933 to present.
Cowbridge was allocated number 224 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

1844
APR1844

4VOD
AUG1873

4VOD
JAN1878

1844   Used from 21 MAY1844 to 4 JUL1872   By 1872 this has worn to a 3HOS   Price B £6
1844 in blue   Used in DEC1850
4VOD   Used from 3 NOV1873 to 14 MAR1893   Codes: B D Dinv   Price F £30

3VOD
JUN1879

3VOD Time in code   Used from 26 JUN1879 to 23 OCT1890   Codes: C D none   Price G £8
3VOD Time in asterisk code   Used from 14 NOV1894 to 8 MAY1899
   Codes: DB*A BH*P DH*P DI*P FI*P FK*P HB*P 8*P   Price D £8
3VOD Time in full Used from 18 JUL1900 to 24 JAN1903
   Times: 715AM 2PM 415PM 445PM 715PM 8PM 815PM   Price D £8
   Squared Circles in use: APR1903 to FEB1911

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234 LLANSAMLET

Sub Office of Neath 1861 to 1877, Sub Office of Swansea 1877 to 1884,
Independent Sub Office 1884 to 1887, Railway Sub Office 1887 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922
to ? by 1934 a Town Sub Office of Morriston, Swansea.
Llansamlet was allocated number 234 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.
Number 234 was previously allocated to Smeaton, Yorkshire in the 1844 to
1857 lists and then later to Denton, Manchester 1924 to 1962.
   Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- H11 Birchgrove 1896 to 1905.

3VOS
OCT1874

3VOS   Used from 23 JAN1894 to 1 JUN1899   Price H £100+

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246 MOUNTAIN ASH

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1852 to 1854, Sub Office of Aberdare 1854 to 1882, Head Post
Office 1882 to 1907, Independent Sub Office 1907 to 1980, Branch Office to Modified Scale
Post Office in 1990.
Mountain Ash was allocated number 246 in the 1882 to 1962 lists.
Number 246 was previously allocated to Briningham, Norfolk In the 1844 to 1857 lists.

3VOS
SEP1874

3VOD
OCT1879

3VOS   GPO
3VOD Time in code Used from 15 JUL1881 to 18 JUL1901   Codes: C D E G J   Price E £6
3VOD Time in full   Used from 9 MAY1901 to 25 MAY1907
   Times: 845AM 1015AM 11AM 1230PM 145PM 615PM 8PM 845PM 9PM 15PM 615 845
   none   Price A £6 cover £3 ppc

252 PENYGRAIG see also 992

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1874 to 1893, Sub Office of Dinas Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1906 to 1946, Town Sub Office of Tonypandy 1946 to present.

Penygraig was allocated numbers 252 and 992 in the 1882 to 1892 lists.

Number 252 was first allocated to Torpoint (Corn) 1844 to 1857, later to Seascale, Cumberland in 1906 and finally Eccles, Lancashire 1924 to 1962.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
NOV1884

331 NANTYMOEL

Sub Office of Bridgend 1876 to 1893, Sub Office of Maesteg Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1902, Sub Office of Bridgend 1902 to present.

Number 331 was first allocated to Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire in the 1844 to 1857 lists, then Nantymoel 1882 to 1906 and Hadleigh, Suffolk 1924 to 1962.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
FEB1875

333 BLACKMILL

Sub Office of Bridgend 1853 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1895, Sub Office of Bridgend 1895 to present.

Number 333 was first allocated to Northowram, Yorkshire in the 1844 to 1857 lists, then Blackmill 1882 to 1906, Harborne, Birmingham 1924 to 1959 and Robertsbridge, Sussex in 1963.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
FEB1875

348 COITY

Sub Office of Bridgend 1875 to present.

Number 348 was first allocated to Bruntless, Breconshire in the 1844 to 1857 lists, then Coity 1882 to 1906 and Hindhead, Surrey 1924 to 1962.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
MAR1875

361 LOUGHOR

Sub Office of Swansea 1849, Sub Office of Llanelli 1849 to 1857, closed 1857 to 1867, Sub Office of Llanelli 1867 to 1875, Railway Sub Office 1875 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1925, Sub Office of Swansea 1925 to present.

3VOS SENT TO
LOUGHOR
IN APR1875

361 3VOS issued when Loughor became a RSO in 1875.

Loughor was allocated number 361 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 361 was previously allocated to Heytesbury, Wilts 1844 to 1857 and later to Gwaun cae Gurwen (Glam) 1924 to 1962 lists.

3VOS Used from 11 DEC1877 to 26 APR1899   Price G £80+

3VOS SENT TO
HEYTESBURY
IN FEB1873

361 Gwaun cae Gurwen
   Allocated 361 in the 1924 to 1962 lists

433 MAESTEG

Sub Office of Bridgend 1844 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1902,
Sub Office of Bridgend 1902 to 1991, Post Town 1991 to present.
Maesteg was allocated number 433 in the 1882 to 1962 lists.
Number 433 was previously allocated to Sandhurst, Kent 1844 to 1857 lists.

3VOS
JUN1875

4VOD
MAR1876

3VOS   No dated copies recorded   Price H* £80+   (price if found on dated cover)
4VOD   Used from 12 JUN1877 to 1 DEC1891   Codes: A C N   Price F £30

3VOD NOT
PROOFED

3VOD Time in code Used from 15 JUL1895 to 1 AUG1900
   Codes: D Dinv N none Price F £12
3VOD Time in full   Used from 11 AUG1901 to 5 JUN1905   Times: 945AM 4PM 8PM PM
   Price D £5

435 NEWTON

Sub Office of Bridgend 1867 to 1893, Sub Office of Porthcawl RSO 1893 to 1902,
Sub Office of Bridgend 1902 to 1910, Sub Office of Porthcawl 1910 to present,
Town Sub Office by 1938.
Number 331 was first allocated to Aberayron, Cardiganshire in the 1844 to 1857
lists, then Newton 1882 to 1906, Lifton, Devon 1933 to 1959 and Winkleigh,
Devon in 1963

3VOS GPO

3VOS
JUN1875

443 ABERKENFIG

Sub Office of Bridgend 1850 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1902,
Sub Office of Bridgend 1902 to present.
Aberkenfig was allocated number 443 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.
Number 443 was previously allocated to Lawton (Ches) in the 1844 to 1857 lists
and later to Leiston (Suff) In the 1924 to 1962 lists.

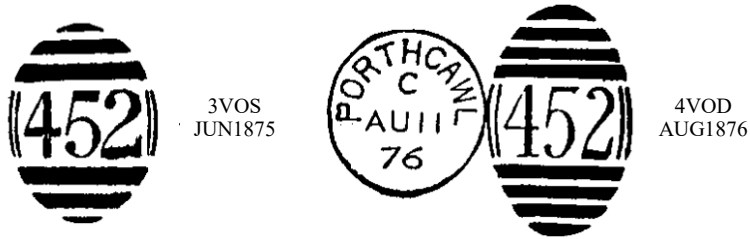**3VOS**   Used from 6 DEC1875 to 28 MAR1909   Price F £60+

3VOS
JUN1875

452 PORTHCAWL

Sub Office of Bridgend 1845 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1902, Sub Office of Bridgend 1902 to 1910, Post Town 1910 to present.

Porthcawl was allocated number 452 in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

Number 452 was previously allocated to Newhaven, Sussex in the 1844 to 1857 lists.

3VOS
JUN1875

4VOD
AUG1876

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £60 (price if found on dated cover)

4VOD Time in code Used from 23 MAY1878 to 10 AUG1893 Codes: B D Price F £8

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 17 JUN1895 to 9 FEB1905

Codes: K*A K*AM CC*P D*P F*P FC*P FD*P FH*P GK*P K*P LK*P

C*PM (The M looks like a V) D*PM F*PM Price A £8

470 PONTARDULAIS

Sub Office of Llanelly 1844 to 1873, Railway Sub Office 1873 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1925, Sub Office of Swansea 1925 to present.

Pontardulais was allocated number 470 in the lists from 1844 to 1906 and then 934 from 1935 to 1959.

Number 470 was later allocated to Llandudno (Carn) 1926 to 1962.

1844
APR1844
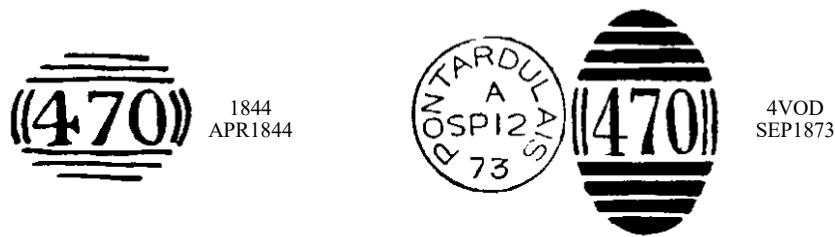
4VOD
SEP1873

1844 Used from 1 DEC1844 to 15 APR1857 Price G £60

Occurs with a Pontardulais cud. and a Swansea cds.

4VOD Used from 12 JUN1876 to 6 SEP1894 Codes: A C D Dsdwys E none Price D £10

Seen in blue

3VOD NOT
PROOFED

3VOD Time in code Used from 12 JAN1902 to 17 NOV1906 Codes: D none Price G £8

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used on 6 SEP1903 Codes: CC*P Price H £25

3VOD Time in full Used from 25 JUN1900 to 31 DEC1906 Times: 1145AM 230PM 7PM 730PM Price F £8

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501 Morriston

Morriston allocated E35 in 1874 to 1906 and 501 in 1924 to 1959 lists.

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523 MERTHYR TYDFIL

Head Post Office 1844 to 1969, Salaried Sub Office 1969 to present.

Merthyr Tydfil was allocated number 523 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- F75 Cefn Coed 1853 to present, 982 & D04 Dowlais 1844 to 1872 and B56 Troedyrhiw 1852 to 1882.

1844 APR1844	3HOS DEC1849	3HOS JUL1852	3HOS NOV1854
3HOS JUN1855	3HOS JUL1855	3HOS AUG1856	3HOS NOV1865
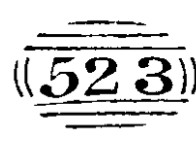
1844 Used from 4 MAY1844 to MAR1849 Price G £40

1844 in blue Used in MAR1849

3HOS Used from 12 AUG1852 to 20 NOV1867 Price B £6

4VOS DEC1871   3VOSA MAY1877   3VOSB NOV1883

4VOS GPO

3VOSA (523. with dot) GPO

3VOSB (523 without dot) Used on 18 NOV1883 Price H £60

SDWYS II AUG1856
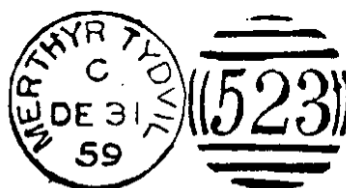
3CDA
DEC1857

SDWYS Used from 16 SEP1856 to 11 MAY1861 Codes: A B C Price D £15
3CDA (Merthyr Tydvil in cds) Used from 26 FEB1858 to 26 FEB1867 Codes: A B C D
Price A £4
Four entries Dec1857 to Oct1865 all have the same characteristic loop on the 5
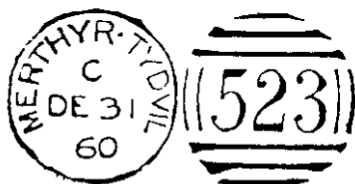
3CDB
SEP1860

4VODA
MAR1867

3CDB (Merthyr dot Tydvil in cds) Used from 5 FEB1861 to 16 JUL1861 Codes: B C
Price E £8
4VODA (Round top three) Used from 26 JUN1867 to 3 DECD1872 Codes: A B D
Price D £6

4VODB
AUG1872

3VOD
MAY1880

4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 21 AUG1872 to 6 DEC1894 Codes: A B C D E F G H
Price B £4
3VOD Time in code Used from 6 JUL1880 to 16 OCT1893 Codes: B C D E F H Price C £3
3VOD Time in full Used from 5 JUN1895 to 13 AUG1903
Times: 9AM 945AM 1230PM 1PM 25PM 230PM 3PM 445PM 515PM 615PM 7PM 810PM
830PM Price C £3

523A Dowlais
Dowlais was allocated number 982 in the 1855 to 1857 lists, later number D04 in the 1874
to 1924 lists, 804 in the 1928 list and finally 523A in the 1929 to 1959 lists.

540 NEATH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1969, Salaried Sub Office 1969 to present.

Neath was allocated number 540 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

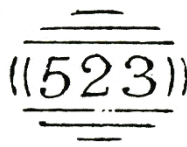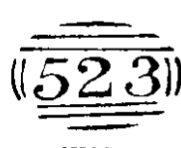*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- B66 Briton Ferry 1844 to 1863, 866 Crynant 1871 to present, 234 Llansamlet 1861 to 1877, 861 Onllwyn (Brec) 1844 to present, 44 Resolven 1864 to present and F86 Skewen 1869 to 1925.*

1844
APR1844
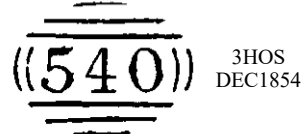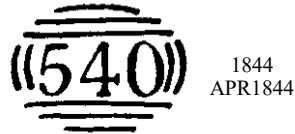
3HOS
DEC1854

1844   Used from 27 JUN1844 to 18 APR1857   Price A £5

3HOS   Used from 3 MAR1855 to 29 JUN1871 Price A £4

3VOS
NOV1876

4VODA
JUL1866

3VOS   GPO

4VODA (Straight Neath)   Used from 20 OCT1866 to 23 JAN1873   Codes: C D L   Price C £6

There are three identical entries in the Proof Books from Jul1866 to Apr1869.

The first entry of 4VODB
(13MAR1872) has
"cancelled"
written over it. It was
however sent and used

4VODB
JUL1872

4VODB
AUG1874

4VODB
DEC1875
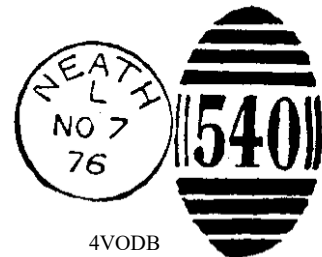
4VODB
NOV1876

4VODB (Curved Neath) Time in code Used from 16 APR1872 to 26 FEB1894

Codes: A C D Dinv E F G H I   Price A £5   .

4VODB (Curved Neath) Time in asterisk code Used from 27 DEC1894 to 26 SEP1896

Codes: D*P F*P HC*P HG*P MI*P   Price G £15

4VODB (Curved Neath) Time in full Used from 17 MAR1897 to 8 OCT1898

Times: 4PM 6PM 815PM   Price G £10

3VOD
JUL1878

3VOD
MAY1880

3VOD
JUL1882

3VOD
SEP1886

3VOD Used from 3 AUG1878 to 20 JUN1894 Codes: A B C D E Einv F G H J Price A £3

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580 Pentre

Pentre was allocated number D98 in the 1874 to 1906 lists and 580 in 1929 to 1962

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731 SPELTER WORKS

Sub Office of Bridgend 1855 to 1895, Sub Office of Maesteg Railway Sub
Office 1895 to 1898, Became Caerau in 1898.

Spelter Works was allocated number 731 in the lists from 1882 to 1887.
Number 731 was first allocated to Stilton (Hunts) 1844 to 1857, then later to
Caerau (Glam) in the 1906 list and then to Stanstead, Essex 1924 to 1962.

3VOS
OCT1876

3VOS No dated copies recorded   Price H* £200++
    (price if found on dated cover)

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731 Caerau

Previously "Spelter Works" Sub Office of Bridgend 1898 to 1991. Sub Office of Maesteg
1991 to Present.

Caerau was allocated number 731 in the 1906 list

737 Sketty

Sketty was allocated number E46 in the 1874 to 1906 and 737 in the 1929 to 1959 lists.

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747 NANTFFYLON

Sub Office of Bridgend 1876 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1902,
Sub Office of Bridgend 1902 to 1931, Sub Office of Maesteg 1931 to present.
Nantyfllon was allocated number 747 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.
Number 747 was first allocated to Thwaite (Suff) 1844 to 1857 then later
South Farnborough (Hants) 1929 to 1959.

3VOS
JAN1877

3VOS Used on 3 OCT1877 Price H £100++

763 SWANSEA

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Swansea was allocated number 763 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices that used barred numerals:- H11 Birchgrove 1884 to 1896, E36 Clydach 1874 to 1884, E51 Cwmbwrla 1874 to 1876, A87 Forest Fach 1882 to present, G42 Gorseinon 1876 to 1888, G42 Gorseinon Station 1882 to 1887, B61 Gower Road 1880 to 1886, E51 Greenhill 1876 to 1970, E34 Landore 1853 to 1887, 234 Llansamlet 1877 to 1884, E35 Morrison 1874 to 1887, E47 Parkmill 1874 to 1896, E48 Penclawdd 1872 to 1887, K25 Plasmarl 1892 to 1896, E37 & 143 Pontardawe 1873 to 1896, 765 & E49 Reynoldstone 1844 to 1869 & 1873 to 1896, E46 Sketty 1873 to 1896, 119 Trebanos 1884 to 1896, A86 Upper Cwmtwrch 1882 to 1896, 121 West Cross 1869 to 1896, E50 Ynysmudw 1873 to 1896 and E38 Ystalyfera 1873 to 1896.

1844 APR1844	3HOS AUG1853	3HOS SEP1853	3HOS SEP1857
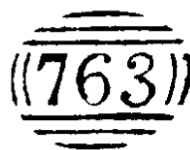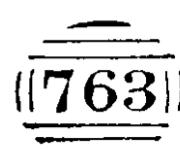
1844 Used from 3 MAY1844 to 30 AUG1852   Price C £6

1844 in blue Used from 1851 to 2 SEP1852   also seen in green

3HOS Used from 4 SEP1853 to 6 FEB1866   Price F £20

4VOS AUG1868	4VOS MAY1871	4VOSR OCT1890

4VOS   Used from 26 FEB1869 to 28 OCT1870   Price H £60

4VOSR (rubber)   GPO

3VOS MAR1874	3VOS OCT1877	3VOS MAR1882	3VOS JUN1882	3VOS JUIN1887

3VOS   Used on 2 DEC1876 Price H £60
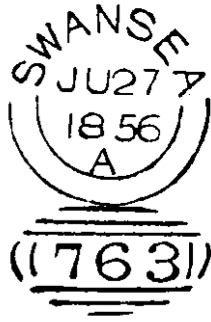
SDWYS II JUN1856

3CD
APR1858

3CD
MAR1860

SDWYS   Used from 7 JUL1856 to 18 APR1858   Codes: B C none   Price C £12

3CD   Used from 17 JUN1858 to 10 FEB1865   Codes: A B Binv C Cinv Csdwys D E none
   Price A £4

4CD
FEB1864

4VODA
JUL1867

4CD   Used from 29 FEB1864 to 5 JUL1871   Codes: A B Binv C D E F G 1 3   Price A £4
   Two were proofed, the JUL1870 issue has taller letters in the cds.
4VODA (Straight Swansea)   Used from 23 AUG1867 to 17 MAY1871
   Codes: C D E F Finv G 6   Price A £3
   Two were proofed, the DEC1869 issue has taller letters in the cds.

4VODB
JUN1871

4VODB (Curved Swansea Round top three) Used from 8 JUL1871 to 11 JUL1875
   Codes: C Cinv E F G Ginv H I none   Price C £3

4VODC
FEB1872

4VODC
OCT1873

4VODC
JUL1874
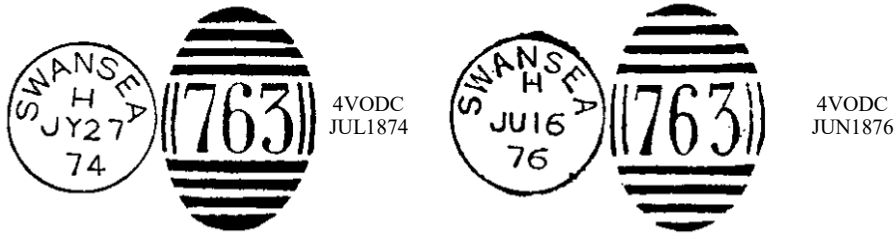
4VODC
JUN1876

4VODC (Curved Swansea Flat top three) Used from 28 MAR1872 to 29 NOV1880
  Codes: B C Cinv D E Einv F G H 2 3 5   Price A £3

3VOD
APR1878

3VOD Time in code Used from 16 APR1878 to 24 APR1901   Price A £4
  Single letter codes: B C Cinv D E Einv F G H I J K L M N O P S T X none
  From 15NOV1882 all the Proof Book entries have handstamp identification numbers 1 to
  6. Those recorded in use are:-
  1 / M N O S X   2 / none   3 / none   4 / none   5 / F G H none   6 / C G H
3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 11 DEC1894 to 19 APR1895
  Codes: C*A BA*P FC*P H*P   Price H £25
3VOD Time in full   Used from 8 MAY1896 to 13 NOV1896 Time 615PM 830PM Price H £15

After time in full came into use the handstamp identification numbers were cut in the basal
  bars. These were not separately entered in the Proof Books:-
3VOD1 (1 cut in the basal bars)   Used from 14 MAY1895 to 8 DEC1898
  Times: 645PM 8.30PM   Price H £15
3VOD2S (Small 2 cut in the basal bars) Used from 22 JUN1895 to 18 DEC1896
  Times: 3AM 915AM 330PM 615PM 8PM   Price D £4
3VOD2L (Large 2 cut in the basal bars) Used from 5 MAY1896 to 7 OCT1898
  Times: 615PM 7PM 8PM   Price E £6
3VOD3 (3 cut in the basal bars) Used from 14 FEB1901 to 18 OCT1907
  Times: 1PM 530PM 615PM 630PM 730PM 8PM 815PM 1030PM   Price D £4
3VOD4 (4 cut in the basal bars) Used from 21 JAN1901 to 17 SEP1901
  Times: 1245PM 615PM 8PM   Price G £12
3VOD5 (5 cut in the basal bars) Used from 2 MAR1901 to 22 AUG1905
  Times: 130AM 3AM 8AM 1130AM 1245PM 330PM 6PM 615PM 630PM 8PM 1030PM
  Price A £3
  Squared Circles in use NOV1885 to DEC1898

763   MUMBLES   Sub Office of Swansea 1848 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present. Town Sub Office by 1957.

4VODE (Swansea Mumbles in the cds)
    Used from 26 MAY1876 to 10 JUL1892   Codes: B C Cinv
    Price F £40

4VODE
DEC1875

763 ST HELENS, SWANSEA   A Town Receiving House of Swansea 1875 to 1944, closed 1944 to 1949, Town Sub Office 1949 to 1998, Scale Payment Sub Office 1998 to present.

3VODB (St Helens Swansea in the cds)   GPO

3VODB
DEC1883

763 WALTERS RD SWANSEA,.   Sub Office of Swansea 1871 to Present.

4VODF
DEC1875

3VODA
DEC1875

4VODF (Swansea Walters Road in the cds) 10 JAN1877 to 30 DEC1882 Codes: C D
    Price H £60+
3VODA (Walters Road Swansea in the cds) 31 AUG1880 to 14 JUN1896   Code: B C D
    Price H £60+
    Three very similar copies were proofed in Jan1880 and Jun1886

763 THE DOCKS SWANSEA

4VODD
MAY1874

4VODD
NOV1877

4VODD (The Docks Swansea in the cds) Time in code   Used from 6 JUN1874 to
    24 JAN1984   Codes: A Ainv B C D Dinv E F H I L P CD G6 1 2 3 3inv 4 6 9   Price A £15
4VODD (The Docks Swansea in the cds) Time in full   Used from 1 JUN1895 to
    2 JAN1902   Times: 1110AM 310PM 515PM 6PM 630PM 75PM   Price E £15

3VODC
FEB1884

3VODD
FEB1887

3VODC (The Docks Swansea in the cds) Time in code
   Used from 26 APR1884 to 9 JUN1893   Codes: C D E F K   Price F £30
3VODC (The Docks Swansea in the cds) Time in full
   Used from 10 OCT1898 to 7 MAY1902 Times 11.30AM 12.30PM 5.45PM 6PM 6.30PM
Price F £30
3VODD (The Docks BO Swansea in the cds) Time in code
   Used from 21 DEC1887 to 3 FEB1893   Codes: B C D E F G H   Price D £15
3VODD (The Docks BO Swansea in the cds) Time in full
   Used from 13 JAN1895 to 8 DEC1898   Times: 310PM 4.45PM 530PM 6PM 630PM 715PM
   745PM   Price F £15

3VODC 30 Oct1901 overlaps

763A Swansea NWDO
   763A was allocated to Swansea NWDO in the 1962 list
736B Swansea NDO
   763B was allocated to Swansea NDO in the 1962 list
763C Swansea SDO
   763C was allocated to Swansea SDO in the 1962 list
763D Swansea WDO
   763D was allocated to Swansea WDO in the 1962 list

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765 REYNOLDSTONE see also E49

1844   NOT
ILLUSTRATED

Sub Office of Swansea 1844 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1873,
Sub Office of Swansea 1873 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present.
Reynoldstone was allocated number 765 in the 1844 to 1857 lists.
Number 765 was later allocated to Partridge Green Sussex 1882 to 1906 then Sutton Coldfield
Wwks 1924 to 1962.

1844 Used from 8 JAN1851 to 10 JUL1857   Price H £100+
1844 in blue Used on 8 JAN1851

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771 CAERPHILLY
Sub Office of Cardiff 1844 to 1932, Post Town 1932 to present.
Number 771 was previously allocated to Shooters Hill Kent in the 1844 to
1857 lists.
Caerphilly was allocated number 771 in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

3VOS 2 JUN1885 to 20 NOV1890 Price G £80+
   Squared Circles in use: MAY1890 to DEC1910

3VOS
FEB1877

773 TAIBACH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1885, renamed Port Talbot in 1885.

A new Town Receiving House in Port Talbot was established called Taibach in 1885.

Taibach was allocated number 773 in the 1844 to 1882 lists.

Number 773 was later allocated to Aberavon Port Talbot in the rest of the lists from 1887 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- E98 Aberavon 1844 to 1873 & 1879 to 1885,
E99 Cwmavon 1848 to 1885 and 121 Pyle 1853 to 1865.

1844
APR1844
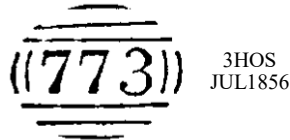
3HOS
JUL1856

1844   Used from 5 JUL1844 to 29 OCT1855   Price E £15

1844 in blue   Used from FEB1849 to 27 AUG1852

3HOS   Used from 10 DEC1856 to 16 MAY1870   Price D £8

3TH.HOS
SEP1864

3VOS
JUN1876

3TH.HOS   Used from 19 APR1865 to 21 APR1875   Price F £30

3VOS   No dated copies recorded   Price H* £60   (price if found on dated cover)

4VODA
JUN1867
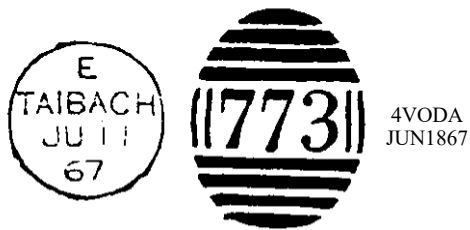
4VODB
DEC1877

4VODA (Straight Taibach)   Used from 20 AUG1869 to 2 SEP1870   Code: G   Price F £30

4VODB (Curved Taibach)   Used from 7 AUG1879 to 17 JUN1880   Code: D E   Price H £50

3VOD
DEC1881

3VOD   Used on 8 FEB1884 Code F   Price H £50

   Squared Circles in use: ?? to APR1888

773 ABERAVON PORT TALBOT see also E98

Previously Taibach, Head Post Office 1885 to 1969, Salaried Sub Office 1969 to present.

Aberavon was allocated number 773 in the 1887 to 1962 lists.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- E99 Cwmavon 1885 to present.

3VOD Used from 26 APR1888 to 25 APR1893 Codes: B D E F none
Price F £40+

3VOD
NOV1885

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778 Gorseinon

The original Gorseinon was renamed Penllerger in 1888 when Gorseinon Station became Gorseinon. Both were Sub Offices of Swansea. Gorseinon was allocated number 778 in the 1946 to 1962 lists.

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801 TONYREFAIL see also 135

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1857 to 1874, Sub Office of Cardiff 1874 to 1880, Sub Office of Llantrisant RSO 1880 to 1885, Sub Office of Pontyclun RSO 1885 to 1892, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1892 to 1893, Sub Office of Porth RSO 1893 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1910, Post Town 1910 to 1941, Sub Office of Porth 1941 to present.

Tonyrefail was allocated number 135 in the 1882 to 1887 lists and number 801 in the 1892 to 1906 lists.

Number 801 was previously allocated to Wimbledon, Surrey in the 1882 to 1887 lists and later to Tiptree, Essex 1924 to 1962.

3VOD Used from 6 JUN1891 to 13 FEB1896 Codes: A C Price G £80+
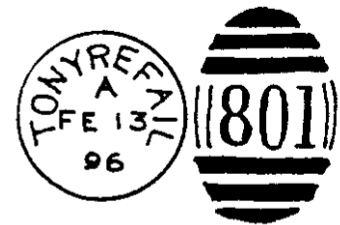
3VOD NOT
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804 Dowlais

Dowlais was allocated number 982 in the 1855 to 1857 lists, later number D04 in the 1874 to 1924 lists, 804 in the 1928 list and finally 523A in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

812 Treharris

Treharris was allocated number 812 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

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855 SOUTH FERNDALE / TYLORSTOWN

South Ferndale became Tylorstown in 1879.

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1878 to 1893, Sub Office of Ferndale RSO 1893 to 1899, Sub Office of Pontygwaith 1899 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Sub Office of Ferndale 1906 to present.

Tylorstown was allocated number 855 in the 1892 to 1902 lists.

Number 855 was first allocated to Chirbury (Salop) 1844 to 1857, then South Ferndale 1882 to 1887 and later to Abertillery (Mon) 1924 to 1962.

3VOS Used on 15 FEB1882 (with Tylorstown cds) Price H £100++

3VOS
SEP1877

866 CRYNANT

Sub Office of Neath 1871 to present.

Crynant was allocated number 866 in the 1882 to 1906 lists

Number 982 was later allocated to Whitefield Manchester
in the 1924 to 1959 lists

3VOS GPO

3VOS
DEC1877

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934 Pontardulais

Pontardulais was allocated number 934 in the 1935 to 1959 lists

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982 DOWLAIS

Sub Office of Merthyr Tydfil 1844 to 1872, Head Post Office 1872 to 1960, Sub Office of
Merthyr Tydfil 1960 to present.

Dowlais was allocated number 982 in the 1855 to 1857 lists, later number D04 in the 1874 to
1924 lists, 804 in the 1928 list and finally 523A in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

Number 982 was later allocated to Famagusta, Cyprus where a 3VOS was
used from July 1878 to April 1880 on GB stamps. This allocation was in the
1882 to 1887 lists. 982 was allocated to Goldthorpe (Yorks) in the 1959 to
1962 lists.

3HOS Used from 17 OCT1854 to 13 OCT1858 Price E £30

3HOS
MAR1850

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985 ABERDARE

Sub Office of Merthyr Tydfil 1844 to 1851, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1851 to 1854,
Head Post Office 1854 to present.

A 985 3HOS was issued when Aberdare became a Sub Office of Pontypridd in 1851.

Aberdare was allocated number 985 in all the lists from 1855 to 1962.

  *Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- F99 Cap Coch 1867 to present, E28 Cwmaman 1869 to
  present, E02 Mill Street 1854 to 1907, 246 Mountain Ash 1854 to 1882.*
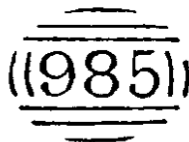
3HOS
APR1851

3HOS
SEP1857

3HOS Used from 15 AUG1853 to 27 JUN1861 Price E £15 Seen in blue

4VOS
FEB 1869

4CD
MAR1863

4VOS   Used from 17 SEP1883 to 18 SEP1883 (worn to a 3VOS)   Price H £80+
4CD   Used from 19 JUL1863 to 9 MAR1874   Codes: A B Binv C Cinv D E F   Price B £6

4VOD
OCT1874

3VOD
DEC1879

4VOD   Used from 7 DEC1874 to 2 OCT1877   Codes: A B C D E F none   Price D £6
3VOD Time in code   Used from 24 FEB1880 to 28 SEP1893
   Codes: B C D F G I L   Price B £6
3VOD Time in asterisk code   Used from 24 OCT1896 to 15 MAR1897
   Codes: GF*A HF*P M*P   Price G £15
3VOD Time in full   Used from 26 OCT1897 to 22 JAN1900
   Times: 730AM 245PM 415PM 515PM 615PM 645PM 815PM 830PM   Price E £8

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985 ABERDARE, MILL STREET
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1853, Sub Office of Aberdare 1854 to
1907, Town Receiving House of Aberdare from 1869, closed
1907.

3VOD   GPO

3VOD
MAR1887

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986 TREHERBERT
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1857 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1899, Independent Sub
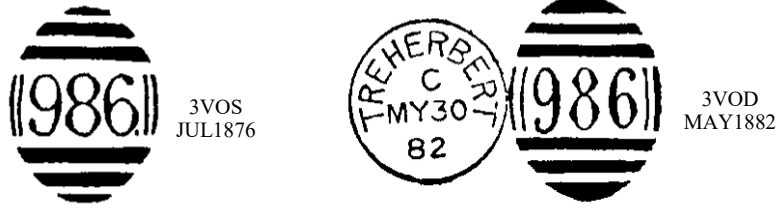Office/Post Town 1899 to 1934, Town Sub Office of Treorchy 1934 to present.
Treherbert was allocated number 986 in the 1882 to 1924 lists.
Number 986 was later allocated to New Romney Kent in the 1959 to 1962 lists.

3VOS
JUL1876

3VOD
MAY1882

3VOS   Used from 28 AUG1876 to 24 FEB1879 Price H £80
3VOD Time in code   Used from 3 DEC1884 to 1 APR1897
   Codes: A B C D none   Price C £8
3VOD Time in full   Used from 13 FEB1901 to 1 OCT1907
   Times: 945AM 245PM 345PM 4PM 645PM 7PM 845PM 9PM   Price C £8

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987 TREORCHY
Sub Office of Pontypridd in 1867 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1899, Independent Sub
Office 1899 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Independent Sub Office/Post
Town 1906 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1992.
Treorchy was allocated number 987 in the 1882 to 1962 lists.
Number 986 was previously allocated to Burbage, Wilts in the 1844 to 1857 lists.

3VOS
JUL1876

3VOD NOT
PROOFED

3VOS   Used on 6 APR1885   Price H £80+
3VOD   Used from 1 JUL1890 to 12 JAN1903   Codes: B C D E F   Price C £8

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988 YSTRAD RHONDDA
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1867 to 1893, Sub Office of Pentre RSO 1893 to 1902, Sub Office of
Pontypridd 1902 to 1905, Town Sub Office of Pentre 1905 to present.
Ystrad Rhondda was allocated number 988 in the 1882 to 1887 lists.
Number 986 was later allocated to Totland Bay (I.O.W.) 1924 to 1949 and then Walsingham,
Norfolk 1959 to 1962.

3VOS
JUL1876

3VOD NOT
PROOFED

3VOS   No dated copies recorded   Price H* £80+ (price if found on dated cover)
3VOD   Used from 19 NOV1896 to 24 APR1900 Codes: A C E F   Price F £40

989 TONYPANDY

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1872 to 1893, Sub Office of Llwynypia RSO 1893 to 1902,
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1906 to 1990,
Modified Scale Post Office 1990 to present.
Tonypandy was allocated number 989 in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

3VOS
JUL1876

3VOD
JUN1884

3VOS   Used from 16 DEC1876 to 17 DEC1876   Price H £100
3VOD   Used from 31 JUL1888 to 4 OCT1902   Codes: A B C D E F   Price D £15

990 DINAS

Sub Office of Cardiff 1850 to 1852, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1852 to 1893, Railway Sub Office
1893 to 1899, Independent Sub Office 1899 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906,
Independent Sub Office 1906 to 1941/46, then closed.
Dinas was allocated number 990 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.
Number 990 was later allocated to Burgess Hill, Sussex in the 1928 to 1962
lists.

3VOS
JUL1876

3VOS   No dated copies recorded   Price H* £100++ (price if found on dated
cover)
  Squared Circles in use: ?1887 to JUN1903

991 CYMMER

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1855 to 1893, Sub Office of Porth 1893 to present.
A Town Sub Office of Porth from 1907.
Number 991 was transferred to Porth in 1885.
Cymmer was allocated number 991 in the 1882 list.

3VOS
JUL1876

3VOS   Used on 2 FEB1880   Price H £100++   This was later used at Porth,
see below:-

991 PORTH

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1885 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1899, Independent Sub
Office 1899 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1909, Head Post Office 1909 to 1970, Sal-
aried Sub Office 1970 to present.
The 991 3VOD issued when number 991 was transferred to Porth in 1885.
Porth was allocated 991 in the 1887 to 1906 lists.
Number 991 was first allocated to Cymmer in the 1882 list and later to Saltash (Corn) In the
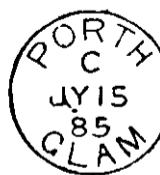1928 to 1962 lists.
  Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 801 Tonyrefail 1893 to 1902.

3VOS
JUL1876
SENT TO
CYMMER

3VODA PORTH
ONLY IN THE CDS
NOT ILLUSTRATED

3VODB
JUL1885

3VOS   Used on 13 DEC1910   Price H £100
3VODA (Porth in the cds)   Used on 3 FEB1888   Code unknown   Price H £80+
3VODB   (Porth Glam in the cds) Time in code   Used from 6 MAR1890 to 7 APR1897
   Codes: B C Dinv E F   Price F £8
3VODB (Porth Glam in the cds) Time in full Used from 14 JUN1897 to 30 MAY1905
   Times: 6AM 930AM 115PM 410PM 430PM 530PM 730PM 9PM 1030PM   Price A £4

992 PENYGRAIG see also 252
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1874 to 1893, Sub Office of Dinas RSO 1893 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1906 to 1946, Town Sub Office of Tonypandy 1946 to present.
Penygraig was allocated numbers 252 and 992 in the 1882 to 1892 lists, 992 was also in the 1902 and 1906 lists.
Number 992 was first allocated to Tidworth (Wilts) in the 1857 list then later to Porth (Glam) in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

3VOS
JUL1876

3VOD
JUL1876

3VOS Used on 20 NOV1893   Price H £100++
3VOD   Used on 25 JUN1889   Code unknown   Price H £100++

992 Porth
   Porth was allocated number 991 in the 1887 to 1906 and 992 in the 1929 to 1962 lists

993 BLAENLLECHA see also D42
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1867 to 1877, Renamed Ferndale in 1877.
There were two Blaenllechas with numbers 993 and D42, listed in the 1882 list.
Blaenllecha (993) was listed in 1882 to 1887 lists.
Number 993 was first allocated to Cholderton (Wilts) in the 1857 list and then later to Ferndale – see below:

3VOS   No dated copies recorded   Price H* £100++ (price if found on dated
   cover)

3VOS
JUL1876

993 FERNDALE

Ferndale was called Blaenllecha prior to 1877.

It was allocated in the 1892 to 1962 lists.

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1877 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1899, Independent Sub Office 1899 to 1902,

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Independent Sub Office/ Post Town 1906 to present.

3VOD NOT
PROOFED

3VOD Time in code Used from 1 MAR1890 to 9 FEB1904

Codes: B C D E F Price C £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 7 APR1904 to 12 NOV1906

Times: 9AM 910AM 1245PM 4PM 645PM 7PM 715PM 745PM 830PM 845PM Price A £6

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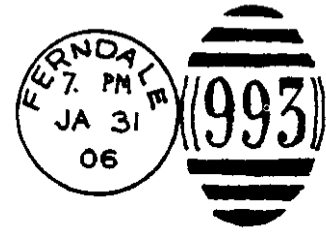
994 TREALAW

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1876 to 1893, Sub Office of Dinas RSO 1893 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1941, 1941 to 1946 Town Sub Office of Dinas, Town Sub Office of Tony Pandy 1946 to present .

Trealaw was allocated number 994 in the lists of 1882 to 1902.

Number 994 was first allocated to Axbridge (Som) in the 1857 list and later to Yiewsley (Middx) 1924 to 1934 then Yeadon (Yorks) 1954 to 1962.

3VOS
JUL1878
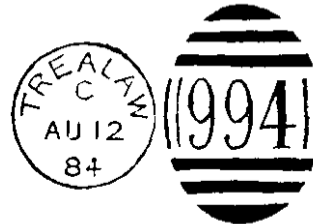
3VOD
AUG1884

3VOS Used on 19 OCT1878 Price H £100++

3VOD GPO

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045 Ystalyfera

Ystalyfera was allocated number E38 in the 1874 to 1906 and 045 in the 1962 lists.

056 Dinas Powis

Dinas Powis was allocated number 056 after the 1962 list.

057 Hengoed

The Office called "Main Street Maesycwmmer" was renamed Hengoed by 1920.

Sub Office of Cardiff 1920 to 1932. Post Town 1932 to present.

Hengoed was allocated number 057 after the 1962 list.

058 Pontyclun

Pontyclun was allocated number 058 after the 1962 list Pontyclown was A89

A86 UPPER CWMTWRCH

Sub Office of Swansea 1882 to 1896, Sub Office of Lower Cwmtwrch Railway
Sub Office 1896 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922,
Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to 2003, closed 2003.
Number A86 in a 3HOS was first allocated to a Sorter on the Mediterranean
mailboats, potential use was from 1859 to 1870.
Upper Cwmtwrch was allocated number A86 in the 1882 to1906 lists.

3VOS Used from 8 JUL1891 to 4 DEC1902 Price H £100+

3VOS
FEB1882

The proof book entries of the Mailboats were often annotated with a specific Mailboat and
Postal Employee. However in practice they were used by other sorters on different
Mailboats, usually within one sphere of operations.

A87 FOREST FACH

Sub Office of Swansea 1882 to present, Town Sub Office from 1928.
Number A87 in a 3HOS was first allocated to a Sorter on the Mediterranean
mailboats, potential use was from 1859 to 1870, then Forest Fach in the 1882 to
1906 lists.

3VOS Used from 17 JAN1887 to 29 MAR1895 Price H £100+

3VOS
FEB1882

A88 YNYSHIR

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1881 to 1893, Sub Office of Porth Railway Sub Office
1893 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Independent Sub Office/
Post Town 1906 to 1946, Town Sub Office of Porth 1946 to present.
Number A88 in a 3HOS was first allocated to a Sorter on the Mediterranean
mailboats, potential use was from 1859 to 1870, then Ynyshir in the 1882 to
1906 lists.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
NOV1881

A89 PONTYCLUN / PONTYCLOWN

Sub Office of Llantrisant RSO 1880 to 1885, A Railway Sub Office 1885 to 1892,
Became Pontyclun Railway Sub Office 1892 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/
Post Town 1905 to 1930, Sub Office of Cardiff 1930 to 1933, Post Town 1933 to
present.
Number A89 in a 3HOS was first allocated to a Sorter on the Mediterranean
mailboats, potential use was from 1859 to 1870, has not been seen used. Later
to Pontyclown in the 1882 to 1906 lists, Pontyclun received 058 in the 1962 list.
*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- F92 Llantrisant 1886 to 1902 and
801 Tonyrefail 1885 to 1892.*

3VOS GPO
Squared Circles in use: OCT1888 to JUL1892

3VOS
NOV1881

A94 PENARTH see also D94

Sub Office of Cardiff 1856 to 1881, Head Post Office 1881 to 1920, Post Town/Branch Office 1920 to present.

A94 3VOS issued in 1881 when it became a Head Office.

Penarth was allocated number A94 in the 1874 to 1906 lists and number 162B in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

Number A94 in a 3HOS was first allocated to a Sorter on the Atlantic mailboats, potential use was from 1859 to 1870, later to Penarth in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

3VOS
JUL1881

3VOD NOT
PROOFED

3VOS No dated copies recorded   Price H* £80+ (price if found on dated cover)

3VOD Time in code   Used from 30 SEP1891 to 29 SEP1894   Codes: A B D E G H J
  Price D £5

3VOD Time in full   Used from 14 JUN1896 to 1 NOV1900
  Times: 930AM 1030AM 145PM 5PM 730PM 845PM 9PM   Price D £3
  Squared Circles in use: MAY1883 to OCT1889

B18 MAERDY

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1879 to 1893, Sub Office of Maesteg RSO 1893 to 1899, Independent Sub Office 1899 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Sub Office of Ferndale1906 to present, Town Sub Office by 1931.

Number B18 in a 3HOS was first allocated for use from 1859 to 1870 on the Canadian Allan Line packets, it has not been seen used. Later to Maerdy in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

3VOS No dated copies recorded   Price H* £100++ (price if found on dated cover)

3VOS
JAN1880

B56 TROEDYRHIW

Sub Office of Merthyr Tydvil 1852 to 1882, Railway Sub Office 1882 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1924, Sub Office of Merthyr Tydfil 1924 to present.

Number A89 in a 3HOS was first allocated to a Sorter on the Mediterranean Mailboats, potential use was from 1859 to 1870. Later to Troedyrhiw in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

3VOS   Used on 7 AUG1889 Price H £100++

3VOS
JAN1880

B61 GOWER ROAD

Sub Office of Swansea 1880 to 1886.

Gower Road became Gowerton in 1886.

Gower Road allocated B61 in the 1882 list.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
JAN1880

B61 GOWERTON

Previously Gower Road. Sub Office of Swansea 1886, Railway Sub Office 1887 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present.

B61 3VOD issued when it became Gowerton.

Gowerton allocated number B61 in the 1887 to 1906 lists.

Number B61 in a 3VOS was first allocated to a Sorter on Cunard's Atlantic Line packets, potential use was from 1862 to 1870.

3VOS
JAN1880

3VOD
MAY1886

3VOS GPO

3VOD Used from 23 JAN1889 to 13 APR1908   Codes: C D E F G

Price B £15 on cover, £8 on ppc

B66 BRITON FERRY

Sub Office of Neath 1844 to 1863, Head Post Office 1863 to 1895, Railway Sub Office 1895 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1933, Sub Office of Neath 1933 to present.

Reduced to a Scale Payment Sub Office by 1998.

B66 3HOS was issued when Briton Ferry became a Head Office

Briton Ferry was allocated number B66 in the lists from 1874 to 1924 and 133 from 1929 to 1962.

3HOS
NOV1862

3VOS
MAR1875

3HOS Used from 17 JUL1863 to 22 SEP1869 Price G £60

3VOS GPO

4VOD
DEC1866

4VOD
MAR1872

4VOD   Used from 6 OCT1867 to 15 FEB1881 Codes: A B C D Dinv Einv   Price B £8
   Squared Circles in use: APR1882 to JUL1910

D04 DOWLAIS see also 982
Sub Office of Merthyr Tydvil 1844 to 1872. Head Post Office 1872 to 1960. Sub Office of
Merthyr Tydfil 1960 to present.
Dowlais was allocated number 982 in the 1855 to 1857 lists, number D04 in the 1874 to 1924
lists, 804 in the 1928 list and finally 523A in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

4VOS
AUG1872

4VODA
JUN1867

4VOS GPO
4VODA (Straight Dowlais)   Used from 11 JUN1867 to 7 JAN1872   Code: A C   Price H £50

4VODB
AUG1872

4VODB
AUG1872
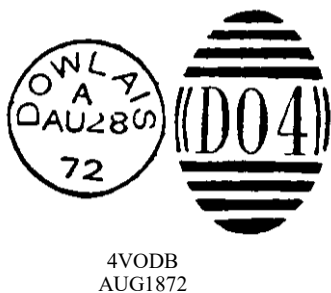
3VOD
OCT1882

4VODB (Curved Dowlais) Used from 6 JAN1873 to 20 OCT1880   Codes: A B C F
   Price E £20
3VOD Time in code   Used from 2 JUL1883 to 24 APR1894 Codes: B C Cinv D E G
   Price D £8
3VOD Time in asterisk code   Used from 5 MAY1897 to 23 NOV1897
   Codes: GC*A KC*A E*P F*P HE*P M*P   Price E £10
3VOD Time in full   Used from 8 NOV1898 to 5 DEC1906
   Times: 715AM 945AM 12PM 125PM 145PM 245PM 3PM 35PM 330PM 415PM 445PM 5PM
   6PM 615PM 85PM 810PM 815PM 830PM 90PM 945PM   Price A £3

D36 HOPKINSTOWN
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1869 to present, a Town Receiving House from 1893
Hopkinstown was allocated number D36 in the lists from 1882 to 1902.

3VOS   No dated copies recorded   Price H* £100++ (price if found on dated cover)

3VOS
JAN1882

D40 DAFEN
A suburb of Llanelli in Carmarthenshire, it was previously placed under Glamorganshire.

D42 BLAENLLECHA see also 993
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1880 to 1893, Sub Office of Ferndale RSO 1893 to 1905,
Sub Office of Ferndale 1905 to present.
Blaenllecha was allocated number D42 in the lists from 1882 to 1902.

3VOS   No dated copies recorded   Price H* £100++ (price if found on dated cover)

3VOS
AUG1880

D49 TREHARRIS
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1881 to 1884, Railway Sub Office 1884 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.
Treharris allocated number D49 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and then 812
from 1924 to 1962.

3VOS   No dated copies recorded   Price H* £100++ (price if found on dated cover)
   Squared Circles in use: AUG1889 to JAN1911
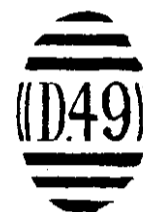
3VOS
JAN1881

D55 CLYDACH VALE
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1880 to 1893, Sub Office of Llwynypia RSO 1893 to
1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Town Receiving House of
Blaenclydach 1906 to 1933, Town Sub Office of Tonypandy 1933 to present.
Clydach Vale allocated number D55 in the lists from 1882 to 1902.

3VOS   Used from 1 DEC1890 to 30 JAN1893   Price G £80+

3VOS
SEP1880

D57 BUTE DOCKS

Sub Office of Cardiff 1847 to present, reduced from a Branch Office to a Town Sub Office in 1984.

Bute Docks allocated number D57 in the lists from 1874 to 1902.

4VOS
APR1868

3VOS
DEC1884

4VOS   Used from 20 JAN1874 to 18 APR1874   Price H £80
3VOS   Used from 4 DEC1884 to 7 JAN1889   Price G £30, on undated wrappers £10

4VODA
APR1868

4VODA
AUG1872

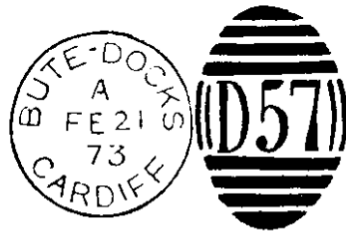**4VODA (Bute Docks in the cds)** Used from 18 MAR1868 to 3 NOV1874
   Codes: A B C D E O 8   Price B £15

4VODB
FEB1873

4VODB (Bute Docks Cardiff in the cds) Used from 16 OCT1879 to 30 SEP1879
   Codes: A B C D E F none   Price D £20

3VODA
FEB1882

3VODB NOT
PROOFED

3VODA (Bute Docks Cardiff in the cds) Time in code
   Used from 1 MAR1882 to 4 OCT1894   Codes: B D E F H I J K L M P   Price A £12
3VODA (Bute Docks Cardiff in the cds) Time in full
   Used from 17 OCT1895 to 12 AUG1899   Times: 1030AM 1130AM 12PM 145PM 230PM
   345PM 430PM 515PM 530PM 630PM 715PM 8PM 915PM   Price C £12
3VODB (Bute Docks BO Cardiff in the cds) Time in code
   Used from 31 MAR1885 to 10DEC1894 Codes: D E K L M N   Price A £12
3VODB (Bute Docks BO Cardiff in the cds) Time in full
   Used from 25 JUL1895 to 15 DEC1904   Times: 12AM 125PM 145PM 230PM 430PM
530PM630PM   715PM   Price D £12

D94 PENARTH see also A94
Sub Office of Cardiff 1859 to 1885, Town Receiving House of Penarth 1885 to Present.
Error D94 for A94.

3VOD
MAR1887

3VOD
MAR1887

3VODA (Cogan Pill Penarth in the cds)   GPO
3VODB (Penarth Docks Penarth in the cds)   Used on 4 APR1887   Code unknown
   Price H £400

D98 PENTRE
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1869 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1899, Independent Sub
Office 1899 to 1902, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Independent Sub Office/Post Town
1906 to present.   Salaried Sub Office to Branch Office in 1969.
Pentre was allocated number D98 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.
   Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 988 Ystrad Rhondda 1893 to 1902.

4VOS
DEC1868

3VOS
JUL1876

4VOS GPO
3VOS Used from 17 FEB 18778 to 28 NOV1884 Price H £80

3VODA
MAR1884

3VODB NOT
PROOFED

3VODA (D.98 with dot) Used from 19 OCT1887 to 27 AUG1899 Codes: A B C E F G   Price
D £8
3VODB (D98 without dot) Used from 8 MAR1900 to 28 APR1902
 Times: 10AM 10.15AM 715PM 845PM   Price E £8

E02 ABERDARE MILL STREET
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1853, Sub Office of Aberdare 1854 to 1907,
Town Receiving House of Aberdare 1869 to 1907, closed 1907

4VOS GPO

4VOS
DEC1868

E28 CWMAMAN
Sub Office of Aberdare 1869 to present. Town Sub Office from 1933.
Cwmaman was allocated number E28 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS GPO

4VOS
MAR1869

E32 PONTLOTTYN
Sub Office of Newport 1858, Sub Office of Tredegar 1858 to 1872, Sub Office of
Cardiff 1872 to 1932, Sub Office of Bargoed 1932 to present.
Pontlottyn was allocated number E32 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS   Used from 7 FEB1874 to 3 APR1901 Price H £100+
 Squared Circles in use: FEB1890 to JAN1906
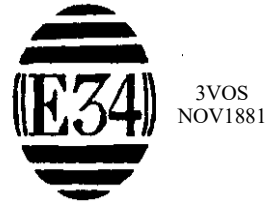

4VOS
APR1869

E34 LANDORE
Sub Office of Swansea 1853 to 1887, Railway Sub Office 1887 to 1905, Independent Sub
Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to 1993, a Town Sub Office from
1931, closed 1993.
Landore was allocated number E34 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS
APR1869

3VOS
NOV1881

4VOS GPO
3VOS Used from 18 JUN1885 to 4 APR1901   Price H £80

3VOD
OCT1883

3VOD Used from 18 JUN1885 to 27 JAN1909
   Codes Asdwys B C D E F   Price C £12 on cover, £5 on ppc

E35 MORRISTON
Sub Office of Swansea 1846 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1874, Sub Office of Swansea
1874 to 1887, Railway Sub Office 1887 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to
1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present, a Town Sub Office by 1958.
E35 4VOS issued in 1869 when Morriston became a RSO in 1869.
Morriston was allocated number E35 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS
APR1869

4VOD
SEP1874

4VOS   Used from 13 MAY1869 to 28 SEP1872   Code none   Price G £60
4VOD   Used from 30 DEC1874 to 7 AUG1883   Codes: A C   Price G £50+

3VOD
SEP1884

3VOD Time in code Used from 2 MAY1886 to 23 AUG1898
   Codes: B C Cinv D E F H O   Price B £8
3VOD Time in full Used from 19 APR1899 to 21 MAY1908
   Times: 8AM 830AM 1215PM 315PM 515PM 530PM 715PM 730PM 8PM 85PM 815PM
   830PM 315 515 8 none   Price A £4

E36 CLYDACH

Sub Office of Swansea 1848 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1874,
Sub Office of Swansea 1874 to 1884, Independent Sub Office 1884 to 1896,
Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1922,
Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present.
E36 4VOS issued in 1869 when Clydach became a RSO.
Clydach was allocated number E36 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS   Used from 21JAN1873 to 21MAY1877   Price G £80+

4VOS
APR1869

E37 PONTARDAWE see also 143

Sub Office of Swansea 1848 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1873, Sub
Office of Swansea 1873 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905, Independent
Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present.
E37 4VOS issued in 1869 when Pontardawe became a RSO in 1869.
Pontardawe was first allocated number E37 in the 1874 to 1902 lists and then
143 in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

4VOS   Used from 28 JAN1871 to 10 JUN1873   Price H £100++

4VOS
APR1869

E38 YSTALYFERA

Sub Office of Swansea 1851 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1873, Sub Office of Swansea
1873 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1898, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1898 to
1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present.
E38 4VOS issued in 1869 when Ystalyfera became a RSO in 1869.
Ystalyfera was allocated number E38 in the 1874 to 1906 and 045 in the 1962 lists.

4VOS
APR1869

4VOD
DEC1875

4VOS   Used from 23 FEB1874 to 14 MAY1875   Price G £60
4VOD Time in code Used from 5 FEB1876 to 7 MAR1899   Codes: A C D none   Price F £35
4VOD Time in full Used from 5 APR1900 to 9 JUL1910
   Times: 125AM 125PM 12.10PM 1215PM 1230PM 415PM 430PM 445PM 615PM   Price E £15

E46 SKETTY

Sub Office of Swansea 1849 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1873,
Sub Office of Swansea 1873 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1869
to present. Town Sub Office from 1930

E46 4VOS issued in 1869 when Sketty became a RSO.
Sketty was allocated number E46 in the 1874 to 1906 and 737 in the 1929 to
1959 lists.

4VOS   Used from 11 MAR1875 to 17 FEB1890 Price H £100+
   Becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting.

4VOS
MAY1869

E47 PARKMILL

Sub Office of Swansea 1853 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1874,
Sub Office of Swansea 1874 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea
1922 to present.

E47 4VOS issued in 1869 when Parkmill became a RSO.
Parkmill was allocated number E47 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS   Used from 30 AUG1897 to 4 FEB1901 Price H £100+

4VOS
MAY1869

E48 PENCLAWDD

Sub Office of Swansea 1853 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1872,
Sub Office of Swansea 1872 to 1887, Railway Sub Office 1887 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922
to Present.

E48 4VOS issued in 1869 when Penclawdd became a RSO.
Penclawdd was allocated number E48 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS   No dated copies recorded   Price H* £100++ (price if found on dated
   cover)

4VOS
MAY1869

E49 REYNOLDSTONE see also 765

Sub Office of Swansea 1844 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1873,
Sub Office of Swansea 1873 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to
Present.

E49 4VOS issued in 1869 when Reynoldstone became a RSO .
Reynoldstone was allocated number E49 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS   Used from 5 MAR1872 to 13 MAR1891   Price E £30
   Becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting.

4VOS
MAY1869

E50 YNYSMEUDWY / YNYSMUDW see also H07

Sub Office of Swansea 1867 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1873,

Sub Office of Swansea 1873 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905,

Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1913, Sub Office of Pontardawe

1913 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to 2004, closed 2004.

E50 4VOS issued in 1869 when Ynysmuwd became a RSO.

By 1955 spelt Ynysmeudwy

Ynysmuwd was allocated number E50 in the 1874 to 1902 lists and H07 in the

lists from 1899 to 1906.

4VOS GPO

4VOS
MAY1869

E51 CWMBWRLA

Sub Office of Swansea 1853 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1874,

Sub Office of Swansea 1874 to 1876, closed 1876.

Renamed Greenhill in 1876.

4VOS E51 issued in 1869 when Cwmbwrla became a RSO.

Another Office opened with the name Cwmbwrla, Sub Office of Swansea 1876

to present, Town Receiving House of Swansea by 1895

Cwmbwrla was allocated number E51 in the 1874 list.

Renamed Greenhill in 1876.

4VOS GPO

4VOS
JUN1869

E51 GREENHILL

Originally called Cwmbwrla, changed in 1876 to Greenhill,

Sub Office of Swansea 1876 to 1970, closed 1970.

Greenhill was allocated number E51 in the 1882 to 1902 lists.

3VOS Used from 28 APR1877 to 7 NOV1883   Price H £100++

3VOS
JAN1880

E56 TREFOREST

Sub Office of Cardiff 1847 to 1850, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1850 to 1884, Independent Sub

Office 1884 to 1889, Town Receiving House of Pontypridd 1889 to Present.

Became "Park Street, Treforest" in 1992.

Treforest was allocated number E56 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

3VOS
JUL1880

3VOD
JAN1884

**3VOS** No dated copies recorded   Price H* £100 (price if found on dated cover)

3VOD Used from 6 NOV1884 to 29 SEP1898   Codes: A B C D   Price C £15

E98 ABERAVON see also 773
Sub Office of Taibach 1844 to 1873, Railway Sub Office 1873 to 1879, Sub Office of Taibach 1879 to 1885, Town Receiving House of Port Talbot 1885 to 1900, Town Branch Office of Port Talbot from 1900 to 1975, closed 1975.
Aberavon was allocated number E98 in the 1874 to 1902 lists.

4VOS
AUG1870

3VOSA
MAR1876
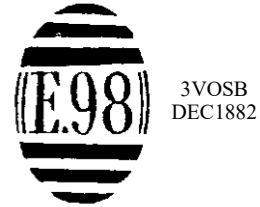
3VOSB
DEC1882

4VOS   Used from 27 AUG1870 to 26 JAN1875   Price E £30
3VOSA (No dot)   Used from 23 FEB1877 to 13 SEP1881   Price H £80+
3VOSB (Dot between the E and 98)   GPO

3VOD
JAN1884

3VOD   GPO

E99 CWMAVON
Sub Office of Taibach 1848 to 1885, Sub Office of Port Talbot 1885 to present
Cwmavon was allocated number E99 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS
AUG1870

3VOD
JAN1884

4VOS   Used from 8 SEP1870 to 18 JAN1871   Price H £80+
3VOD   Used from 12 DEC1884 to 15 OCT1892   Codes: A B C D   Price D £8

F75 CEFN COED

Sub Office of Merthyr Tydvil 1853 to present, Town Sub Office from 1955.
Cefn Coed was allocated number F75 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS GPO

4VOS
JUL1872

F86 SKEWEN

Sub Office of Neath 1869 to 1925, Post Town 1925 to 1933, Sub Office of Neath
1933 to present, a Town Sub Office by 1949
Skewen was allocated number F86 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

4VOS GPO

3VOS
SEP1872

F92 LLANTRISANT

Sub Office of Cardiff 1845 to 1850, Sub Office of Pontypridd 1850 to 1872, Railway Sub Office
1872 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 to 1886, Sub Office of Pontyclun 1886 to 1902,
Railway Sub Office 1902 to 1905, then an Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1914, Sub Office of
Pontyclun 1914 to 1930, Sub Office of Cardiff 1930 to 1933, Sub Office of Pontyclun 1933 to
present.
Llantrisant was allocated number F92 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.
   Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- A89 Pontyclown 1880 to 1885.

4VOD
DEC1872

3VOD NOT
PROOFED
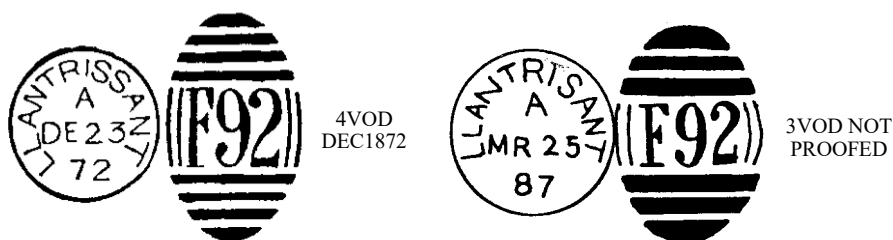
4VOD   Used from 18 JAN1873 to 8 JUN1884   Codes: B C   Price C £15
3VOD   Used from 12 AUG1880 to 23 FEB1913   Codes: A B C
   Price B £10 on cover, on £6 ppc

F99 CAP COCH

Sub Office of Aberdare 1867 to 1905, Then became Abercwmboi in Dec 1905.
Cap Coch was allocated number F99 in the 1874 to 1902 lists.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
FEB1873

F99 Abercwmboi

Cap Coch renamed Abercwmboi in Dec 1905, Sub Office of Aberdare 1905 to present. Rural Post Office to Town Sub Office in 1933.

Abercwmboi was allocated number F99 in the 1906 list.

No numeral cancellations have been seen.

G34 QUAKERS YARD

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1873 to 1884, Sub Office of Treharris RSO 1884 to 1905, Treharris 1905 to present, Town Sub Office from 1930.

Quakers Yard was allocated number G34 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
NOV1873

G42 GORSEINON STATION

Sub Office of Swansea 1882 to 1887, Railway Sub Office 1887 to 1888, closed in 1888 and renamed Gorseinon.

Gorseinon Station was allocated number G42 in the 1882 to 1887 lists.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
JUN1882

G42 GORSEINON

Sub Office of Llanelli 1852 to 1857. Sub Office of Swansea 1857 to 1860. Closed 1860 to 1876. Sub Office of Swansea 1876 to 1888. Railway Sub Office 1888 to 1905. Independent Sub Office/ Post Town 1905 to 1922. Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present, Town Sub Office by 1977.

Gorseinon was allocated number G42 in the 1892 to 1906 lists.

3VOS
JUN1882

3VOD NOT
PROOFED

3VOS potentially used in Gorseinon GPO

3VOD   Used from 11 APR1895 to 7 JUN1909   Codes: A C D none

  Price B £8 on cover, £5 on ppc

G56 TON PENTRE
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1882 to 1893, Sub Office of Pentre RSO 1893 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1939/41, closed 1939/41.
Ton Pentre was allocated number G56 in the 1882 to 1902 lists.

3VOS   Used from 10 NOV1896 to 15 JUL1901 Price H £100++

3VOS
OCT1882

H07 YNYSMEUDWY / YNYSMUDW   see also E50
Sub Office of Swansea 1867 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1873, Sub
Office of Swansea 1873 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905, Independent
Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1913, Sub Office of Pontardawe 1913 to 1922,
Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to 2004, closed 2004
By 1955 spelt Ynysmeudwy.
Ynysmeudwy was allocated number E50 in the 1874 to 1902 lists and H07 in
the lists from 1899 to 1906.

3VOS   Used from 23 JAN1901 to 3 DEC1904   Price H £100+

3VOS NOT
PROOFED

H11 BIRCHGROVE
Sub Office of Swansea 1884 to 1896, Sub Office of Llansamlet RSO 1896 to 1905,
Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present.
Birchgrove was allocated number H11 in the 1887 to 1906 lists.

3VOS   Used from 10 AUG1890 to 8 MAY1902   Price H £100+

3VOS
APR1884

H24 ABERLLECHAU
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1884 to 1885.
Renamed Wattstown in Sep1885, but still listed as Aberllechau up to the 1902
lists.

3VOS   GPO

3VOS
AUG1884

H24 WATTSTOWN
Before 1885 was Aberllechau.
Sub Office of Pontypridd 1885 to 1893, Sub Office of Porth RSO 1893 to 1902, Sub Office of
Pontypridd 1902 to 1906, Town Receiving House of Ynyshir 1906 to 1946, Town Sub Office
of Porth 1946 to present.   Always listed as Aberllechau.

3VOS   GPO   Same cancel as Aberllechau, potentially used in Wattstown

H42 LLANTWIT VARDRE

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1868 to present.

Renamed Church Village in 1937.

Llantwit Vardre was allocated number H42 in the 1887 to 1906 lists.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
MAR1885

H63 CLIVETOWN

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1886 to 1889.

Renamed Ynysybwl in 1889

Clivetown was allocated number H63 in the 1887 list.

3VOS GPO

3VOS
NOV1885

H63 YNYSYBWL

Was Clivetown, changed to Ynysybwl in 1889.

Sub Office of Pontypridd 1889 to present

Ynysybwl was allocated number H63 in the 1902 to 1906 lists.

3VOS GPO Same cancel as Clivetown

K25 PLASMARL

Sub Office of Swansea 1892 to 1896, Sub Office of Landore RSO 1896 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present.

Plasmarl was allocated number K25 in the 1892 to 1906 lists.

3VOS   Used from 13 JAN1893 to 9 SEP1911   Price G £80+

3VOS NOT
PROOFED

K37 MUMBLES

Sub Office of Swansea 1848 to 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present, Town Sub Office by 1957.

Mumbles was allocated number K37 in the 1902 to 1906 lists.

3VOD Time in code   Used from 16 NOV1893 to 18 OCT1904
   Codes: A B C none   Price A £6
3VOD Time in full Used from 24 DEC1904 to 9 SEP1909
   Times: 9AM 115AM 1145AM 445PM 730PM 1145
   Price A £6 on cover, on £2 ppc

3VOD NOT PROOFED   LATER
EXAMPLES HAVE THINNER BARS

K69 WAUNARLLWYD

Sub Office of Swansea 1876 to 1894, Railway Sub Office 1894 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/ Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Swansea 1922 to present, Town Sub Office by 1963. Waunarllwyd was allocated number K69 in the 1902 to 1906 lists.

No numeral cancellation recorded.   3VOD seen on stamp??

K76 GWAUN-CAE-GURWEN

Sub Office of Lanelli 1886, Railway Sub Office 1886 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1932, Sub Office of Ammanford (Carm) 1932 to present. Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen was allocated number K76 in the 1902 to 1906 lists and later number 361 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

3VOS Used on 16 AUG1899   Price H £100++

3VOS NOT
PROOFED