1971 British Postal Strike

- BRITAIN'S FIRST NATIONAL POSTAL STRIKE

- BEGAN AFTER POSTAL WORKERS DEMANDED A PAY RISE OF 15–20%

- THE STRIKE BEGAN ON 20 JANUARY & LASTED FOR SEVEN WEEKS

- ENDED WITH AN AGREEMENT ON THURSDAY 4 MARCH

- STRIKERS RETURNED TO WORK ON MONDAY 8 MARCH 1971

- **DECIMAL DAY** OCCURRED ON 15 FEBRUARY 1971, THE DAY ON WHICH THE UK & IRELAND DECIMALISED ITS CURRENCY

- WIDE RANGE OF OFFICIALLY LICENSED AND UNLICENSED PRIVATE POSTS OPERATED DURING THE STRIKE

- SOME WERE GENUINE COMMERCIAL SERVICES THAT PROVIDED LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DELIVERIES, BUT MANY WERE SET UP BY STAMP COLLECTORS AND STAMP DEALERS