

# FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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## From the Editor's Desk



**Welcome** to the June 2011 edition of First Day Coverage. We have another 24 page edition for you, thanks to more articles being sent in by members. We would like to thank everyone who has supplied material for us to publish in this edition of First Day Coverage.

We always need good material to hold in hand for future editions so do please keep sending in your items for publication.

As predicted in the April edition of 'Coverage', Morris & Company stamp issue has been, and continues to be, very popular. We have a timely article on Standen, the National Trust run House in West Sussex, which houses Morris, Webb, and Dearle designs. Many items of furniture and soft furnishings are supplied by Morris & Company. It is well worth a visit if you are looking for somewhere to spend a few hours this summer. Read more about it on page 19.

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## Pub Meetings

### LONDON

Pub Meetings held in  
In The Ship and Shovel, Craven Passage,  
London WC2 @ 3pm

*Please contact Richard Park for meeting dates during 2011*

*Queries to: Richard Park, 2 Chaffinch Close, Horsham,  
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### From the Editor's Desk *continued.....*

**We** have an announcement about a change to the Club official cover programme on page 3. We have decided to produce an official cover for Thomas the Tank Engine miniature sheet instead of Crown Jewels. The change is for logistical reasons and we also feel it will be a popular issue. We are sure members will be very pleased

## Important Notice

**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST 2011 EDITION**  
Items for publication **MUST** be with the editor by  
**7th July 2011**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in material for publication. If you haven't seen your article in this newsletter, please be assured that we will use it in a future edition. We require more articles and features so that we have them in have for forthcoming newsletters

with the cover we have designed. We worked hard in conjunction with HIT Entertainment, who owns the copyright to Thomas, to secure permission to use Thomas images.

**We** managed to carry out a simple experiment with a stamp from the Gerry Anderson Lenticular mini-sheet. We affixed the 41p to an ordinary DL envelope and addressed it to ourselves. Lo and behold it arrived back the next day intact and it had travelled through the postal mechanisations without problem. It was neatly cancelled with the usual wavy lines and it remained affixed to the envelope. The stamp and envelope were not damaged in any way. So there you have it – lenticular stamps are fine to use on ordinary mail. See for yourself on the bottom of page 15.

**Selwyn** Goodacre's article on GP FDCs in April struck a chord with several members and there is a feedback article from John Gray about the Botanical Congress GP covers on page 20 and a letter from Paul Howard in the Letters to the Editor pages. Frank Aldridge also sent in samples of similar covers on page 16. We are very grateful for all feedback on anything that appears in First Day Coverage.

**The** MCS has a good amount of covers for sale on pages 11 to 15. There are some good bargains listed so if interested then don't delay in contacting the vendor as they will be snapped up quickly.

**Apparently** there was a temporary Post Office set up

inside the Business Design Centre for the 2010 Stamp Exhibition in May last year and the CDS cancel was 'Equipment Team Temporary'. Member, Ian Balcombe, managed to have a complete set of Britain Alone stamp issue FDCs cancelled with this CDS on the day of issue, 13 May (see page 10). It does appear that FDCs with this cancel are rare and it would be very interesting to our members if we could publish whether any other FDCs were done at the time. Of particular interest is the George V M/S Overprint and Exhibition sheet issued on the 8th May. If you managed to acquire this CDS on your covers then please send in a colour copy so we can publish it for member information.

**We** have an article on Last Day Covers by E Andresen on page 18 under the title Ever Heard of Them? I did have a couple of Last Day Covers for the 2/6 and 5/- Large Machin Head stamps some time ago but I cannot remember what I did with them. Maybe one or two of our members have these covers in their collection. If you do have such items then please send in colour copies for us to show in the newsletter.

**Well, that's it from us for this edition. We have enjoyed some very good weather recently and we are expecting a very warm and sunny summer so enjoy it while you can. Needless to say, just a few nice days and we are on the verge of a hose-pipe ban in the North West already!**

*Phil Sheridan, Hon. Editor.*

# The Association of Great Britain First Day Cover Collectors Official Covers 2011

## GBFDC OFFICIAL COVER FOR 2011 No.40. Thomas the Tank Engine Miniature Sheet – 14 June 2011

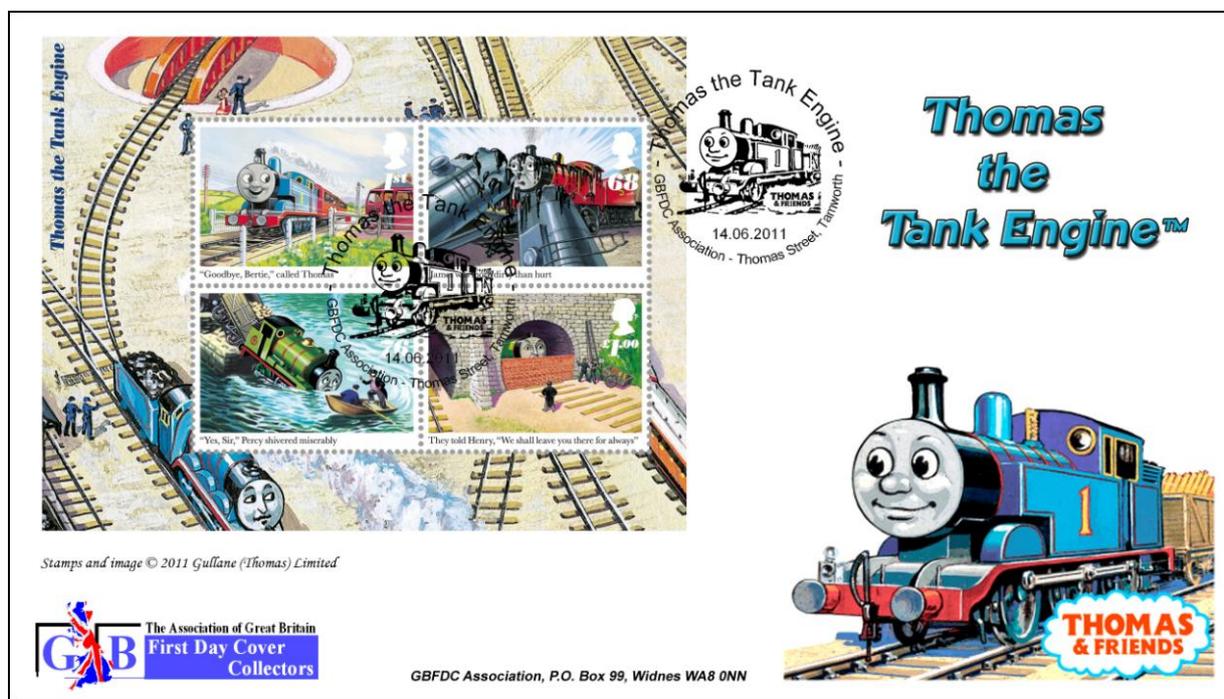
(Cover shown for information only – Standing Order list is full)

### ANNOUNCEMENT

As you know we published in the newsletter earlier in the year our intentions for this years four issues and the AGM cover.

We had chosen the Crown Jewels issue in August as one of our covers but have now changed this to the Thomas the Tank issue. After many emails to and from, Phil and Dot have finally obtained permission from the relevant party to produce the cover for the Thomas the Tank issue in June and this will now replace the Crown Jewels issue.

For the AGM cover it is proposed that we use the Aerial Post issue.



### FORWARD PLANNING

In order to promote philately The National Philatelic Society are going to take a stand at the Ideal Home Show being held at Earls Court, London, in November.

I have been asked to produce a first day cover, using the Christmas miniature sheet, to commemorate the occasion.

The cover will cost around £15 and there will be no more than 150 covers produced. At this stage, in order to ascertain the number needed, I would appreciate it if you could please register your interest.

If you would like to go on the list please either drop me a line, give me a call or send me an email and I will register your interest and send more details when they are known.

**Terry Barnett Liverpool**

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We have arranged for the 2010 AGM/Cover Fair to be held on Sunday 2nd October 2011 at the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7NF (for Sat Navs). Tel: 0121 360 1484

A lunchtime buffet will be laid on with the AGM starting at around 1pm.

We will be producing a first day cover (this year's will be Centenary of the Aerial Post) which will be sold for £5 to the first 60 members attending the AGM.

We hope that you will support the fair and look forward to seeing you all.

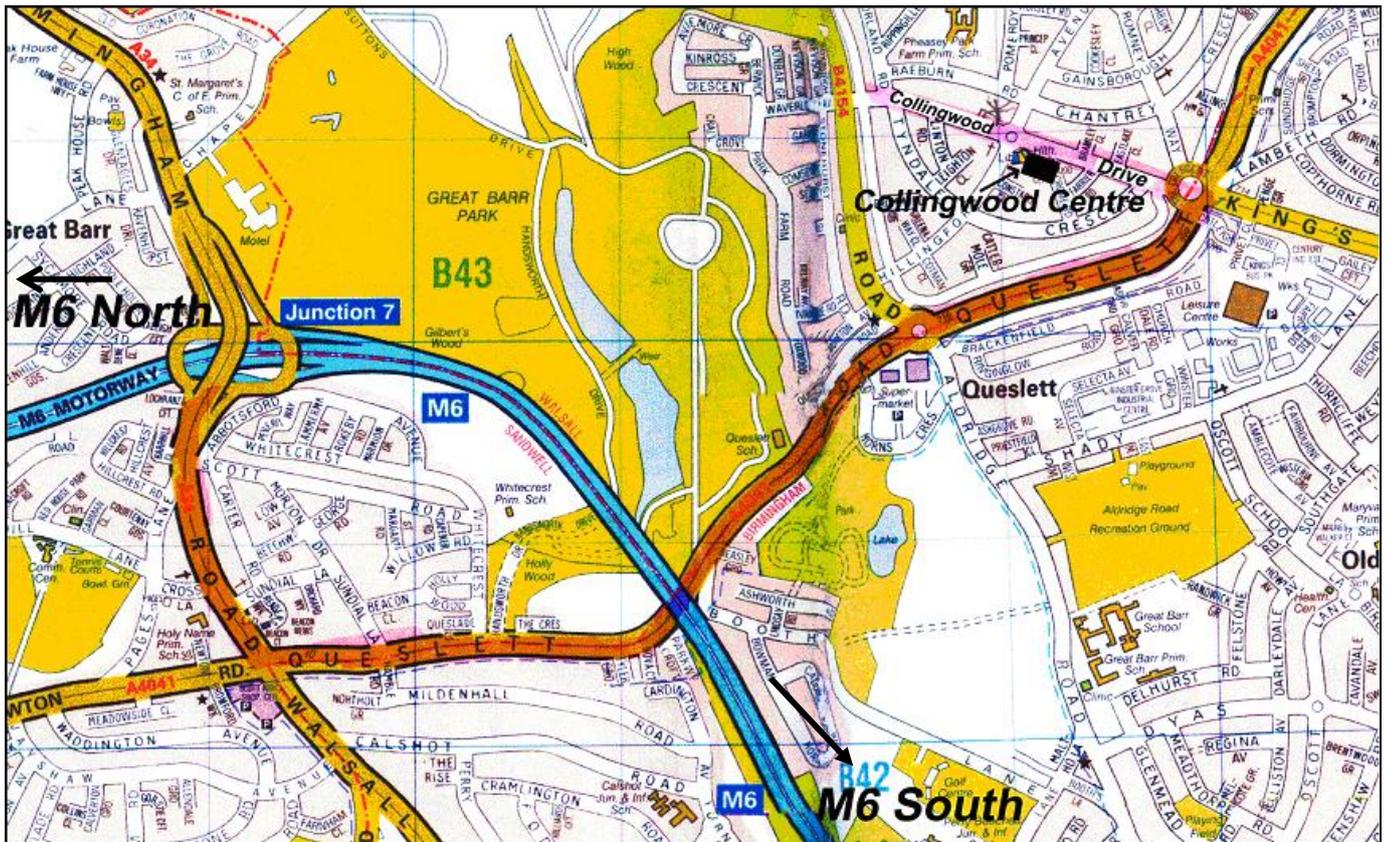
Terry Barnett (Hon. Sec.)

A list of dealers attending and a map will be published a little nearer the time:

### Location and Directions

To reach the Collingwood Centre leave the M6 at junction 7 going south along the A34 (Birmingham Road). At the A4041 turn left at the junction of the Scott Arms Shopping Centre onto Queslett Road. Continue over the first roundabout (ASDA is on your right) and at the second roundabout turn left into Collingwood Drive. The Centre is along Collingwood Drive on your left.

If you wish to stay overnight, the nearest recommended hotel is the Birmingham Great Barr Hotel, which is only a few minutes from the M6 and just a little further on from the Collingwood Centre. Map below.



# Rotary and the Year of the Child

by Selwyn Goodacre

One of the more unusual FDCs created for the Year of the Child issue (11 July 1979) was one produced by the Rotary Club of Wokingham. I mentioned these covers in my article 'How I got started' (*First Day Coverage*, No. 93 December 2009).

None of the standard reference catalogues has got the details of this issue correct. The Booth Catalogue, in their strange attitude towards 'official covers', ignores them totally, simply listing any YOC cover with a Rotary cancellation at £11. Adrian Bradbury in his current Catalogue calls these 'ordinary covers' and values them at £10, with the 'official cover' valued at £30. Peter Barrett in *The Steven Scott 'Official' First Day Cover Catalogue* (Spring 2000), went into a little more detail – he valued the Official cover at £26 and said there were only 100 issued.

Peter was mistaken (I did write to him after his book appeared) – in fact we do not know how many 'Official covers' were issued, but we do know that just 100 of them were numbered - and signed by James L Bomar Jr., President of Rotary International 1979-80 (fig.1). By a curious coincidence, I was President of the Rotary Club of Swadlincote that year.

As my collecting endeavours developed, I managed to acquire 7 of the 100 signed covers. But I always wondered about this issue, and eventually, this year, I got round to visiting the Rotary Club of Wokingham to find out more.

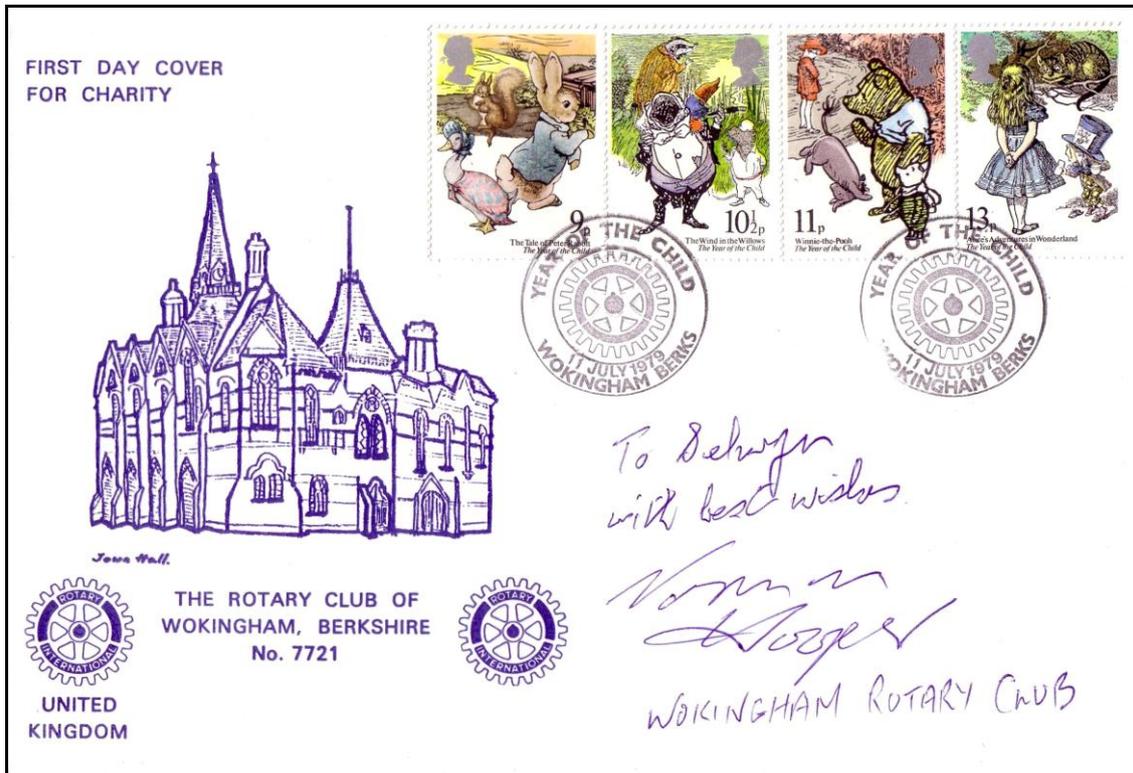
Happily I was able to meet Norman Hooper, who organised and designed the issue back in 1979 – he was President of the local Philatelic Society at that time. He told me how he had sent the 100 special covers over to the United States for Mr Bomar to sign. All were safely returned, duly signed. But, just in case any were lost in the exercise, Norman in fact sent 101 numbered copies. Norman had kept copy No. 101 for his own collection. I asked him if he were prepared to sell it to me, and he agreed, so now I can show this to you, as well as an example of the unlimited issue of the official cover, which he most kindly signed for me (fig.2). Am I the owner of the only example signed by the designer, I wonder?

I had hopes that some of the other members of the Club might have examples of the signed issue that they were prepared to sell. But sadly, no!



fig.1

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Sun. October 2nd 2011

Nov. 3rd, 4th, & 5th 2011

**WANTED**

Princetown Devon C.D.S. on 1993 Sherlock Holmes OR 1997 Tales of Terror. With or without meter mark it doesn't matter.

Also wanted 1995 Communication issue I.T.N. Arlington Official. I think it's an Arlington cover.

Tel: 01747 823280. E-mail [val.bob@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:val.bob@hotmail.co.uk)

**Bob Stevens**



*to the Editor P.O. Box 99, Widnes,  
Cheshire WA8 0NN*

*Dear Editor.....*

I was interested in Frank's article about the Post Office A4 posters, having a set of stamps applied and postmarked on first day. Coincidentally there are some of these posters used on first day in the next club auction from issues in 1980 to 1985, 15 in total.

The story is that they were service by the postmaster of Shide sub-post office near Newport on the Isle of Wight, and have the shide cds on the set of stamps. They have been estimated at £20 each. There were some in the last auction, and the 1979 Year of the Child poster made £70.

**Richard Park**

*Dear Editor.....*

I would like to respond to Selwyn Goodacre's letter in the last Coverage regarding T/L G/P's. First of all I am not an 'expert contributor' I am a fun collector of 'better' GB official first day covers. Secondly I was not aware that I used 'disparaging remarks' in my letter. If you were offended by my remarks Selwyn my apologies. Perhaps I did not make my views clear enough as the company that I was referring to was hyping up the price of the gutter pairs and the traffic light gutter pairs as stamps rather than first day covers. I am of the opinion that the price of the covers as listed at the time in the catalogue followed the value of the stamps and when the bubble burst on the value of the stamps the first day covers followed.

I agree with Selwyn that to get a cover with a G/P or a T/L G/P was difficult as you only had a 1 in a 100 chance. However I am still buying in the G/P/stamps at the postage rates of the day as there do not seem to be the collectors for the G/P's or the T/L's.

Other 'burst bubbles' , check the retail prices of prestige booklets like Christian Heritage and Beatrix Potter or presentation packs like the Fruit

and Veg. and compare them to their peak retail values. Believe me Selwyn there have been many.

I think that ours is a great hobby and this is proved by the diversity of cover collectors whether they be collecting your gutter pairs or my officials and long may it continue. Good Hunting.

**Terry Barnett**

*Dear Editor.....*

Reference Page 3 - It has ALWAYS been the case that on a first day of issue, second class postage is sufficient and the new self-adhesive stamps definitives collectively added to more than 32p.

Personally I only affixed the five stamps and they were processed just fine, but that was probably more luck than judgement, since as Mr Billings should no, this was NOT a first day of issue, rather Royal Mail termed it a first day of availability not a first day of issue.

Page 7 - sorry to disappoint Mr Goodacre but I agree with Terry Barnett, gutter pair covers are rubbish, the laws of demand and supply come into play and there is no demand, thus they have poor prices. No different to Benham small silks - they sell for a pittance at auction, very pretty but nobody wants them.

**Peter Barrett**

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***£20 Star Letter***

*If we give your letter the STAR treatment then you could win £20, so there is a great reason to write in with your news and views. If you would like your Committee to know anything then please write in to the letters page - it is only by receiving your letters that we know what you want from your Association.*

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*Dear Editor.....*

**Gerry Anderson Lenticular Miniature Sheet**

I thought you might like to hear my 'story' of 'breaking up' one of the Gerry Anderson mini sheets so that I could put the individual stamps on a set of PHQ stamp cards. We had to leave home early on the day of issue for a trip to Birmingham (wife meeting sister for a pantomime performance!). So I whizzed down to the local PO for opening time to buy up the appropriate products & then went straight off to Birmingham. We then found the (BHS?) cafe for a drink whilst waiting to meet with sister travelling by train from the north so I used the time to stick the stamps on covers & cards. When it came to breaking up a mini-sheet to service the PHQs, what a struggle/performance! Not having scissors (because I hadn't appreciated the nature of the sheet until I'd bought the stamps) I was forced to bend the sheet backwards & forwards along the perforations until I could get them into a state whereby I could just about tear them into 4 individual stamps. That will teach me a lesson not to research issues more thoroughly beforehand!!



**£20 Star Letter**

**Name & Address Supplied**

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*Dear Editor.....*

Further to your item on Post Office Posters (First Day Coverage, No. 101 April 2011), the excellent firm of *Packs & Cards* lists Posters dated 1974 onwards at £6.00 and under, with earlier ones considerably more (1967-69 at £50.00 each). Ones with added stamps and cancellations would surely be worth more than those without. In my experience, however, the cancellations can get a little indistinct – they don't register as well on the Posters as they would on FDCs, because of the glossy surface.

Of course Post Office Posters are not the only 'non-FDC' items to have CDS or FDI postmarks applied. They can also be found on Presentation Packs. I have one example of the Pack for the British Year of the Child sporting the Great Ormond Street Hospital cancellation.

**Selwyn Goodacre**

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*Dear Editor.....*

I generally always enjoy reading the articles by Selwyn Goodacre and the GP First Day Covers appearing in *First Day Coverage* No 101, April 2011, page 5, was no exception. Over the decades I also have come across many of these covers and if it is of any help or assistance to Selwyn, I can confirm I have seen, and once had in my possession, examples from 23.4.64 Shakespeare Festival, 1.7.64 Geographical Congress, 5.8.64 Botanical Congress, and 4.9.64 Forth Road Bridge. I can remember that all bore only the lowest value stamp of the issue concerned. The covers bore addresses to G.P.s and I seem to recall that all covers were B.P.A. /P.T.S. ones. I also seem to recall that the slogan postmarks were respectively, Bradbury "4", "6", "7", and "9", and I have seen examples of 8.7.65 Churchill (4d only) postmark Bradbury "10".

It is very unfortunate that only late last year/early this year, after having the covers in my possession for years, I decided to have a clear out and included these covers in a bundle which I sold to a local dealer for whatever he felt they were worth to him, which was just a few pounds! At the time of writing, after reading Selwyn's article, I am endeavouring to contact the dealer in the hope I can retrieve at least some of them for Selwyn, if he is interested.

**Paul Howard**

**Badger Philatelics Ltd.** is a cover-producing company formed in the latter stages of 2010.

I've collected stamps since my childhood. Of course at different stages in my life there have been more pressing distractions, but the stamps have been a constant presence.

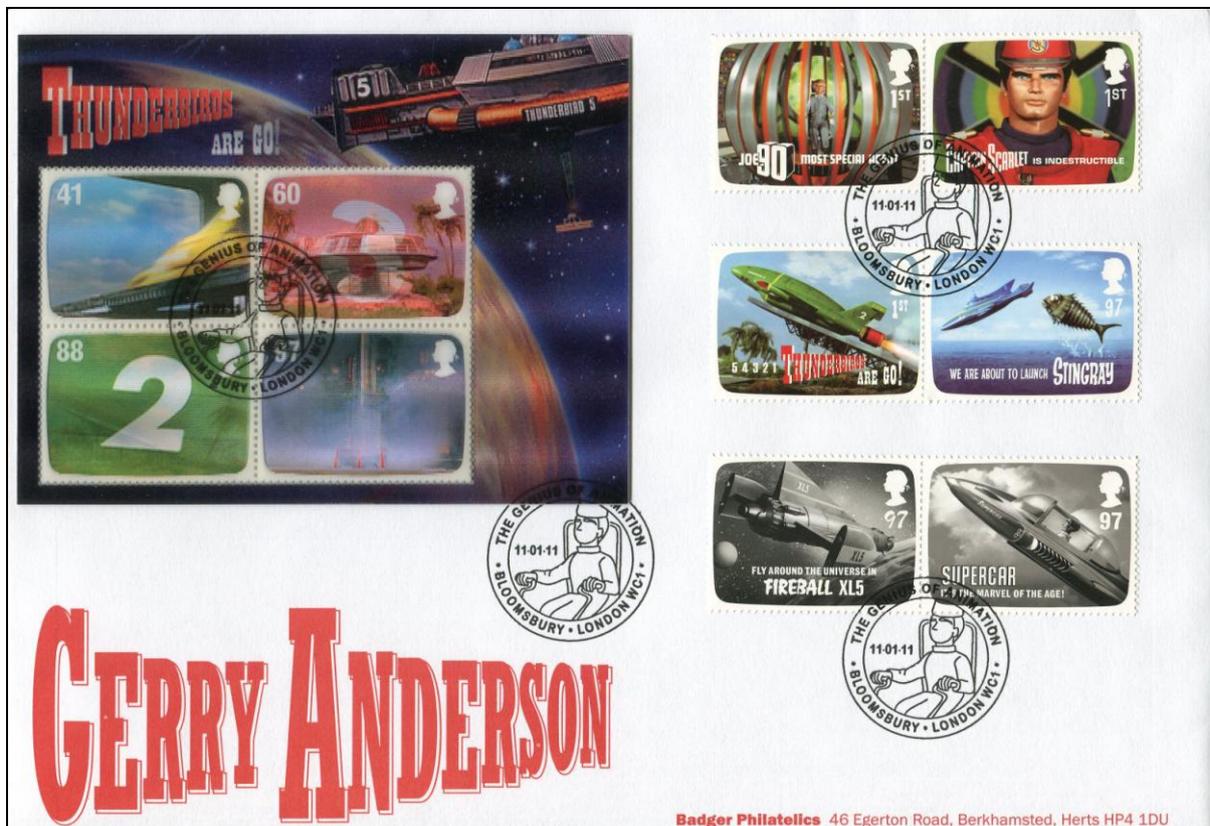
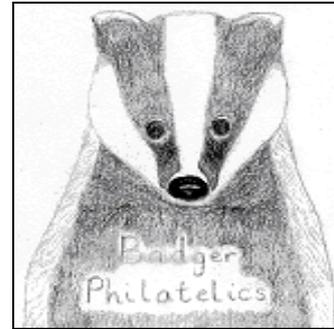
So, why start producing covers and why the company name? I decided to produce my own covers because I felt I could create something a little different to add to what's already available and

develop my own signature style. The company name is derived from the badgers that regularly visit our garden and allow us to feed them – one eats directly out of my hand – I am privileged he allows me to do so.

We produce limited numbers of our own covers, both generic and event specific, for selected Great Britain (GB) commemorative occasions and new stamp issues. Each cover that we produce has an informative filler card. All of our covers are individually numbered and coded – so you know exactly how many have been produced.

We focus on simplicity of design and layout – our covers seek to showcase the stamps and postmark(s).

Please visit our web site: [www.badgercovers.co.uk](http://www.badgercovers.co.uk) and view our products to date. Feedback and constructive comments are always appreciated, so please feel free to E-mail us: [info@badgercovers.co.uk](mailto:info@badgercovers.co.uk) or write to us at: **Badger Philatelics Ltd, 46 Egerton Rd, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 1DU**



# Rare CDS Postmark for May 2010 Issues

During the London 2010 International Stamp Exhibition which was held in the Business Design Centre, Islington, London, during 8th – 15th May 2010, the temporary postmark number 47 was in use. Several stamp issues coincided with those dates – King George V M/S Overprint and Machin Exhibition M/S, and the Britain Alone stamp issue on 13th May. On the day of issue at the small Post Office, which was sited upstairs, GBFDC member, Ian Balcombe, bought a complete set of Britain Alone stamps, Prestige Booklet Panes and M/S on both London 2010 and Royal Mail covers. The Temporary Post Office CDS “Equipment Team” cancel was applied to the covers. The single set and mini-sheet covers are shown below.

Inset, below, shows a larger version of the CDS strike for clarity



*I assume covers bearing this CDS will be quite rare. Did you have covers cancelled with this temporary Post Office postmark – perhaps the mini-sheets that were issued on the 8th May? If so then please write in and include a good colour copy of your cover(s).*

## Members Cover Sale

The Members Cover Sale continues to be a success and there are more items for sale in this edition than in the April edition. If you are an ordinary member and would like to sell your covers free of charge, then be sure to let the editor have your list in good time for publication.

All the covers listed are being sold by the member whose contact details appear at the beginning of their listing. We have laid out each set of listings as requested by the vendor so layouts will probably differ from person to person. If left to the editor to arrange then the listings will take on a more uniform appearance. Prices given are the cost of each cover and buyers must contact the seller direct to negotiate the sale. The seller may or may not add postage costs so it is up to the seller and buyer to come to their own arrangement. All that remains is to wish you good luck.

**Contact Details: Jeffrey Booth, P.O. Box 11, Arundel, Sussex BN18 9SS.**

**E-mail: [jhbfcd@gmail.com](mailto:jhbfcd@gmail.com)**

Date	Description	Cat £ Price	Sell
05.06.67	QEII Defs 4d, 1/-, 1/9d. Buckingham Palace cds. Reg. v. small a/w	60	35
05.06.67	QEII Defs 4d, 1/-, 1/9d. Windsor Castle cds. Reg. t/a	65	35
08.08.67	QEII Defs 3d, 9d 1/6d. Windsor Castle cds. Reg. a/w	68	35
08.08.67	QEII Defs 3d, 9d 1/6d. Buckingham Palace cds. Reg. v. small a/w	60	35
05.02.68	QEII Defs ½d, 1d, 2d, 6d. Blocks 4 Buckingham Palace cds. Reg a/w	60+	35
24.10.73	QEII Defs 4½p, 5½p, 8p. Buckingham Palace cds. Sp. Del. a/t	65	35
24.10.73	QEII Defs 4½p, 5½p, 8p. Windsor Castle cds. Reg..a/t	75	35
15.01.75	QEII Defs 7p. Block 4 Buckingham Palace cds. Reg. a/t	65+	35
25.12.76	QEII Defs 9p, 9½p, 10p, 10½, 11p, 20p. Buck'ham Palace cds. Reg. a/t	62	35
01.09.65	QEII Defs C'wealth Arts. Palace Envelope. Buck'ham Palace cds.. a/t		25
02.11.98	QEII Xmas. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6
29.09.98	QEII Speed Records. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6
25.08.98	QEII Carnival. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6
23.06.98	QEII NHS. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6
23.04.98	QEII Comedians. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6
24.03.98	QEII Lighthouses. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6
24.02.98	QEII Q. Beasts. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6
20.01.98	QEII E. Species. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6
13.11.97	QEII E. G. Wedding. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6
27.10.97	QEII Xmas. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6
09.09.97	QEII Enid Blyton. Official RNLI cover with sponsored postmark. a/p	15	6

**Postage extra. One cover 50p. Two or more please email me for price**

**Contact details: Phil Sheridan. E-mail: [sheridanfdcs@aol.com](mailto:sheridanfdcs@aol.com) Tel: 0151 257 8874**

**All CDS perfect strikes unless otherwise stated – Postage at cost.**

24/09/02	Astronomy M/S RM fdc Orbital M/M & Kennedy Centre <b>CDS</b> (A little ink on cover from operational cancel application)	£8.50
08/10/02	Pillar to Post 4d Post fdc FRAMA Smart Mailing M/M & London S/H	£7.00
25/04/02	Q Mother RM fdc Glamis Castle M/M & Glamis S/H	£8.00
17/06/03	Prince William RM fdc E:R The Royal Studs M/M & William St. <b>CDS</b>	£10.00
17/06/03	Prince William RM fdc (No M/M) with full set Diana stamps all cancelled with Wales <b>CDS</b>	£10.00
16/03/04	N.I Journey Stuart fdc N.I. Tourist Board M/M & Bushmills <b>CDS</b>	£8.50
13/04/04	Ocean Liners Cotswold fdc Sealine Cruising M/M & Sea Street <b>CDS</b>	£8.50
25/05/04	RHS stamps Cotswold fdc Eden Project, St. Austell M/M & St. Austell <b>CDS</b>	£8.50
16/09/04	Woodland Animals RM fdc Scott (Squirrel logo) M/M & Nutgrove <b>CDS</b>	£7.00
15/06/04	Wales Journey Cotswold fdc (No M/M) & Rhewl <b>CDS</b>	£6.00
15/06/04	Wales Journey Stuart Caernarfon Castle fdc (No M/M) plus two stamps from S/A Booket also on cover (8 stamps) all cancelled with & Caernarfon <b>CDS</b>	£7.00

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10/08/04	RSA Cotswold fdc Postal Initiative M/M & Kidderminster	<b>CDS</b>	£8.00
24/02/05	Jane Eyre Cotswold fdc Society of Authors M/M & Rochester	<b>CDS</b>	£7.00
18/07/06	NPG Stuart fdc National Portrait Gallery M/M & NPG, London	S/H	£8.00
03/07/07	Grand Prix Stuart fdc Institute of Motor Industry M/M & Silverstone	S/H	£9.00
23/04/07	England M/S RM fdc House of Flags M/M & St. George's Cross	<b>CDS</b>	£8.00
23/04/07	England M/S RM fdc Westminster Group M/M & Parliament St.	<b>CDS</b>	£8.00
05/02/08	Working Dogs RM fdc Kennel Club M/M & Sheep Dog Society	S/H	£8.00
23/02/06	Brunel (stamps) Stampex official fdc Business Design Centre M/M & Stampex Brunel official H/S		£9.00
21/09/06	VC (stamps) Stampex official fdc Business Design Centre M/M & Stampex VC official H/S		£9.00
23/02/07	Invention (stamps) Stampex official fdc Business Design Centre M/M & Stampex World of Invention official H/S		£9.00
18/09/08	RAF Uniforms Stampex official fdc Business Design Centre M/M & Stampex RAF Uniforms official H/S		£9.00
03/07/07	Grand Prix Sheridan Historic Grand Prix Association	official cover	£40
09/01/07	Beatles (stamps) Sheridan Liverpool Music City	official cover	£40
09/01/07	Beatles (M/S) Sheridan Liverpool Music City	official cover	£40
09/01/07	Beatles (stamps) Sheridan Mersey Beat	official cover (V. scarce)	£50
09/01/07	Beatles (M/S) Sheridan Mersey Beat	official cover (V. scarce)	£50

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12/01/99	Inventors' 4d fdc Microsoft M/M & Charles Babbage, Teignmouth	S/H	£8.00
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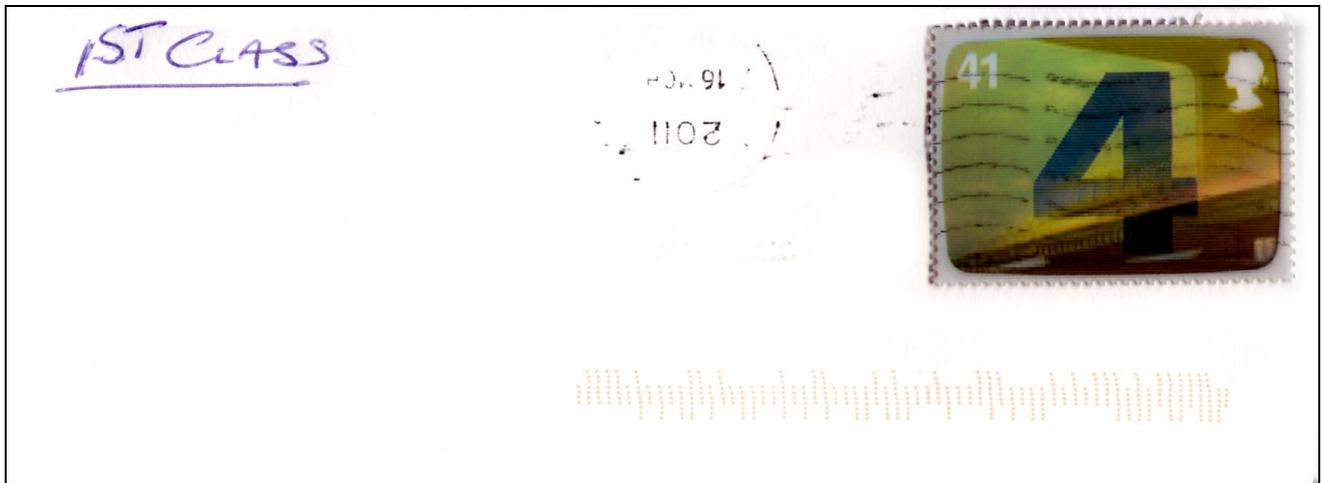
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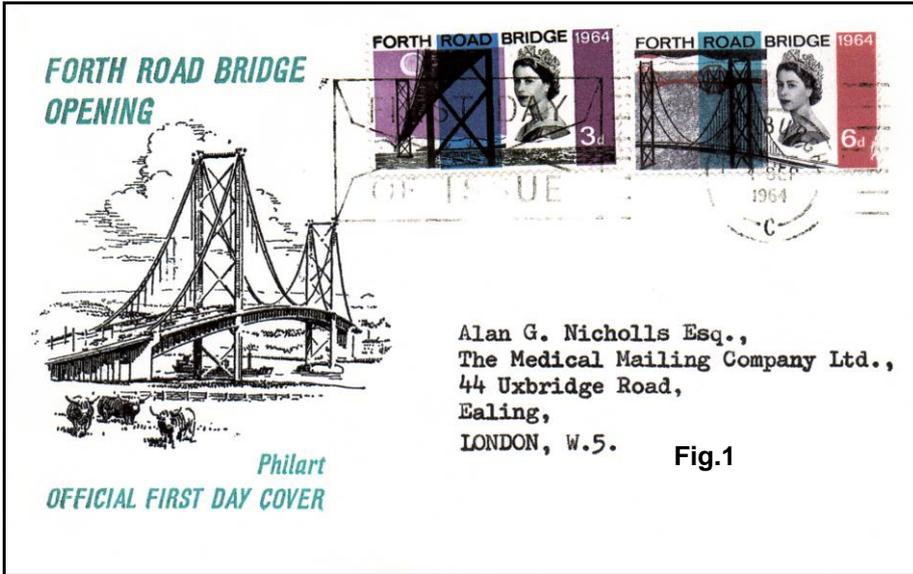
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I experimented with the 41p stamp from the Gerry Anderson lenticular mini-sheet and affixed it to an ordinary DL white envelope and addressed it to myself. I posted it in an ordinary box outside my usual post office. It arrived back to me the next day. It appears to have had no problem going through the mechanised postal machines at our local sorting office (now Warrington). The stamp did not move or tear the envelope and was neatly cancelled with the usual wavy lines. However, as can be seen from the date circle, the date slug was inserted upside down!

**Dot R**

# Unusual Covers by Frank Aldridge



The GP First Day Covers article by Selwyn Goodacre resonated with a few members and here Frank Aldridge shows us some covers from his collection with a similar medical use for FDCs.

The cover below (fig1) is Forth Road Bridge 4 September 1966 FDC with First Day of Issue 'Envelope), Edinburgh cancel. The cover has a Medical Mailing filler card (fig.2).

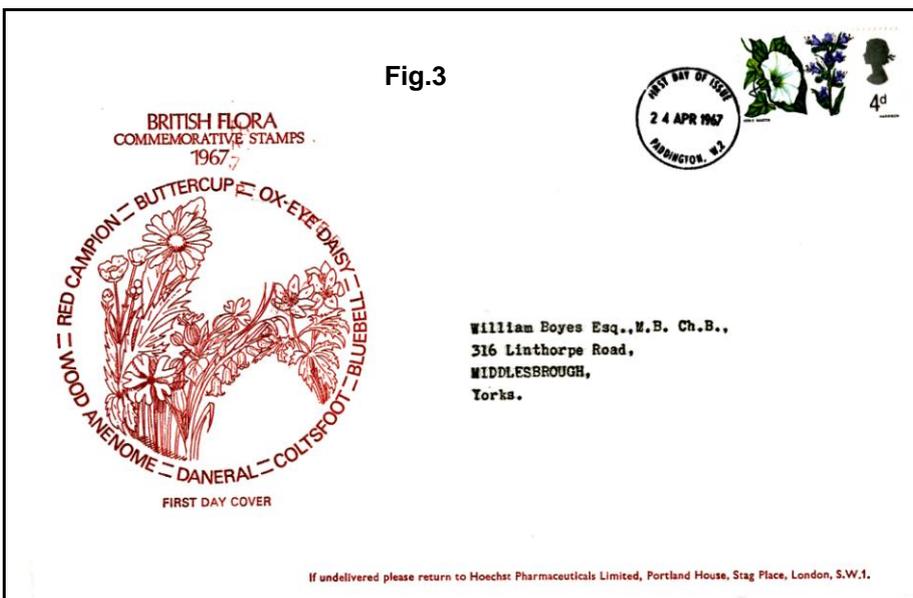
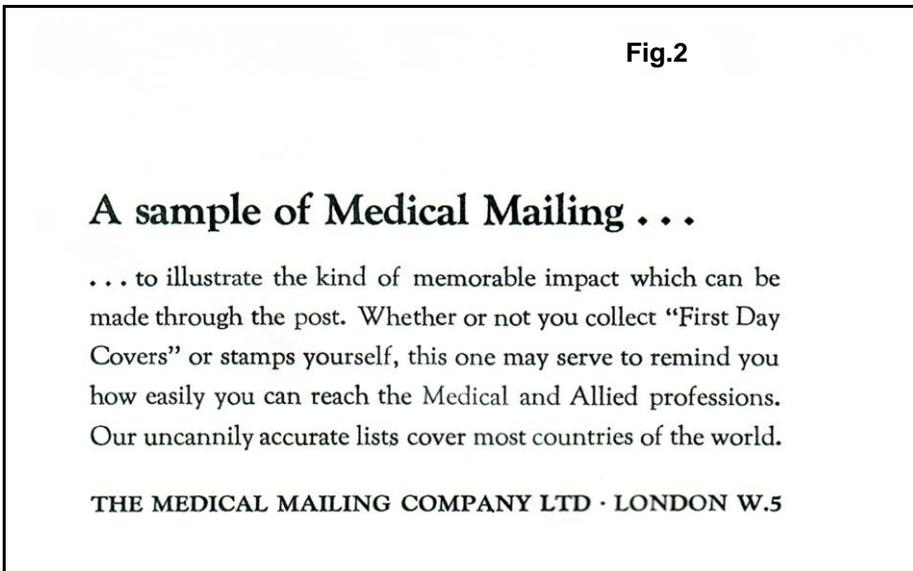
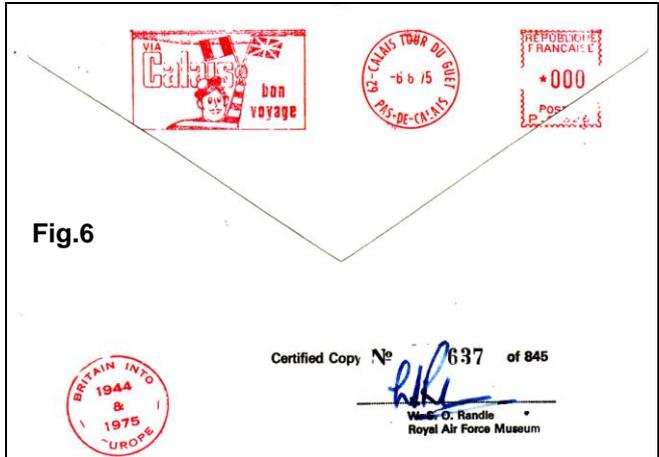
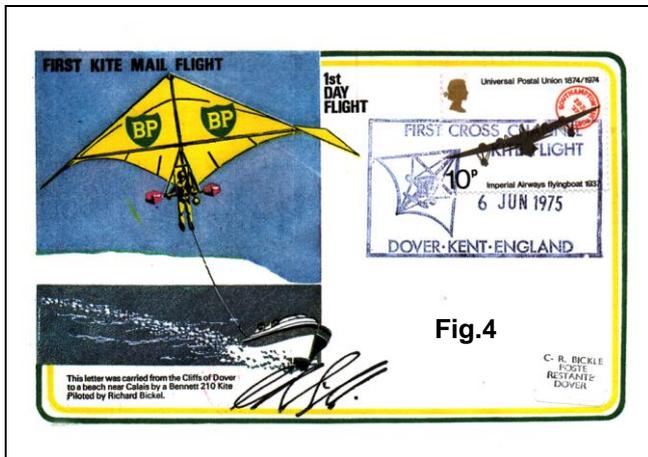


Fig.3 is a cover for Wild Flowers 24/4/67 and is a Medical Mailing from Hoechst Pharmaceuticals. It is the single 4d Larger Bindweed and Viper's Bugloss stamp from the set. There is no filler card with this item.

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Figure 4 shows a First Day Flight cover – First Cross Channel Kite Flight, 6 June 1975, Dover to Calais Hoverport. The stamp is the single 10p Imperial Airways Flyingboat 1937 stamp from the UPU set. The cover comes with a filler sheet (fig.5) with full details about the Channel Kite Flight and the back of the cover (fig.6) has a Calais meter Slogan and back stamp. The front of the cover is signed by pilot Richard Bickel and the reverse by W.S.O. Randle.



**Fig.5**

**THE FIRST CROSSING OF THE CHANNEL BY HANG GLIDER**

The first crossing of the Channel by a mail carrying hang-glider was made by Mr Richard Bickel on June 6th 1975. He took off from Dover Harbour at 0545 hours using water skis to gain speed for lifting the extra weight of the post, towed by Mr Jack Cunningham using an East Kent Marine Tiger Shark Boat. The early start was necessary to take advantage of the early morning calm: too much wind would have made the flight impossible. The flight was uneventful except for some sudden losses of height caused by the air turbulence of the escorting helicopter; otherwise the flight was made exactly as planned. France was sighted about 15 miles north of Boulogne and 15 minutes later the glider released from its tow to touch down at its prearranged destination, the Calais Hoverport. The landing was made in 9' of water just short of the beach. The Flight time from Dover to Calais was 58 minutes.

The Glider used was an American built Bennett 210, specially stressed for towing. The frame is made from anodised aluminium tube of 1½" diameter, the rigging and 'A' frame are made of stainless steel. The three tow releases are operated by the pilot from two hand grips which are situated on the 'A' frame in front of him. The sail was made from yellow dacron material and sported two B.P. Logos; special floats were used to support the kite in the water should the need arise. Control over the glider is by weight shift by the pilot who is seated on a 'garden swing seat type' assembly.

Covers were carried, shrunk wrapped in batches of 50 and packed into two polythene bags before being taped to the cross-spar. Their total weight was around 60 pounds, a very heavy load for this small sports glider. 300 were handed to the Calais Chamber of Commerce, 92 were destroyed during back stamping in Calais by the franking machine which also spoilt 105. 1450 were returned to England of which 175 were given to BP, 120 to the GPO and 120 to various helpers.

The cover is significant in that it commemorates the first ever crossing by kite or hang glider of the Channel. It was flown on the 31st Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy and also commemorates Britain's affirmation of entry to the EEC. The personalities involved were:—

RICHARD BICKEL	PILOT
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## Ever heard of them? By E Andresen

First day covers have been around for a long time and in some countries like the UK we are certainly spoilt for choice. But have you ever heard (or seen) last day covers [LDC]? As silly as the idea might seem at first there are some examples around, however they are not as common as first day covers. There are only 2 reasons why a stamp becomes invalid for postage: A change in currency and/or in political territory. An example of the first type is the pre-decimal stamps of the UK. I do not know exactly when pre-decimal stamps became invalid for postage but I believe it must have been close to the date when the currency itself changed. I have been unable to find a cover for this case on the internet. The cover shown in this article is an example of stamps becoming invalid because of a political territory change. It is from Berlin. After the Second World War, Berlin was divided into 4 sectors by the allies. The Soviet part became later the capital East Berlin of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) while the other 3 kept their special status and were attached to (but not part of) the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG). The division of Berlin resulted also into a division in terms of postal authority, even before the foundation of the 2 German states in 1949. At first the West allies tried to preserve postal unity of all of Berlin, however the Soviets refused cooperation, so eventually West Berlin issued their own stamps. From February 1950 stamps of West Berlin were valid for postage in the FRG and vice versa. However, with few exceptions you could only buy one variety at the local post office. They could be identified by the wording on the stamp ["Deutsche Post" (German Post) for FRG until 1950, later "Deutsche Bundespost" (German Federal Post), "Deutsche Bundespost Berlin" (German Federal Post Berlin) for Berlin from 1955]. From about 1959 all definitive stamps issued by the FRG had a Berlin counterpart where the image was identical, but carried the Berlin wording, commemoratives would continue to be issued as different stamps in general.

In 1990 the special status of Berlin was revoked in the Two-Plus-Four-Treaty and as a consequence Berlin stamps ceased to be valid for postage after 31<sup>st</sup> December 1991. GDR stamps had already ceased to be valid for postage in the GDR after 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1990 [there is a proper LDC for that, too, including handstamp but due to copyright reasons I am not allowed to show the picture here]. As far as I know, LDC were not issued when the currency changed from DM to Euro, probably because the old stamps had run out well before they became invalid and the German Post had abandoned FDCs in favour of philatelic numismatic sheets. From about 1997 stamps in DM were replaced at first with double values in both currencies and later with values in Euro only. In contrast to some other Euro countries (e.g. Italy) these definitive stamps were stamps with different images. On the internet you can find other examples of last day covers, however many of them only carry a CSD, so by just looking at the envelope you cannot tell that it is a LDC. You might also find examples called LDCs where the stamp did not become invalid but some event was commemorated, i.e. last day of the Olympic Games.



## STANDEN, East Grinstead, West Sussex

I was delighted to receive postcards relating to Morris & Co. from a kind member who had visited Standen prior to the Morris & Co. stamps being issued. He thought I might like them and maybe use them in connection with the stamps. Along with two other postcards there was this one showing the Drawing Room that was used by the designer of the Morris & Co PSB booklet panes.

This image is the background to the Machin stamp pane and it is lovely to see the part of the room which is masked by the stamps. Standen is a late Victorian family home brought vividly to life in this gem of the Arts and Crafts Movement. Standen is hidden at the end of a quiet Sussex lane with breathtaking views over the High Weald and Weirwood Reservoir. The design of the house is a monument to the combined genius of architect Philip Webb and his friend William Morris. All the big names of the Arts and Crafts period are represented, including ceramics by William De Morgan and metalwork by W. A. S. Benson. The house is run by The National Trust.

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-standen>



I decided to affix the full pane from the PSB to the reverse of the card and had my sponsored postmark for William Morris Society applied.

The text on the reverse of the postcard reads, *"The Drawing Room showing the hand-knotted wool carpet designed by J.H. Dearle and the fireplace designed by Webb. The furniture was supplied mostly by Morris & Co."*

I am very grateful to Laurence Anslow for sending me the postcards.

Phil Sheridan



# GP FDCs – Botanical Congress 5 August 1964

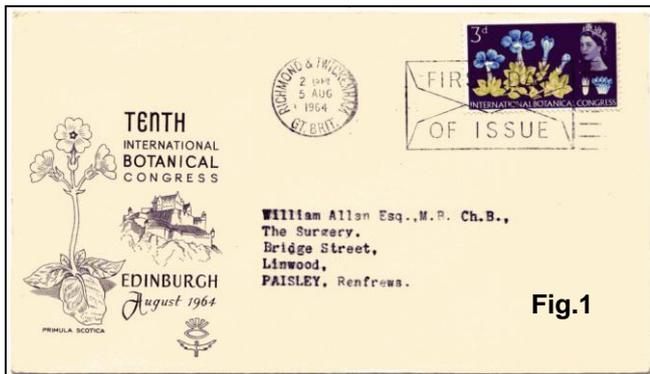


Fig.1



Fig.2

Dear Doctor,

**First day cover for philatelists**

There are three interesting things about the envelope in which this letter arrived. The first two - the stamp and the envelope - both commemorate the opening of the Botanical Congress in Edinburgh.

The third is a more subtle point. The flowers illustrated are foxgloves - the original source of digitalis; and poppies, which have a therapeutic history almost as long as medicine itself.

Fig.4

Following up Selwyn Goodacre's article on GP Covers, in the April 2011 Edition of *First Day Coverage*, I have several covers in my collection of FDCs for the 1964 International Botanical Congress that have been used for mail shots to GPs.

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**Fig.3**

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These predate the Lister Centenary issue of 1 September 1965 illustrated in Dr Goodacre's article. There are on two different covers, with two variants of the envelope First Day of Issue slogan. The first two images (fig.1) and (fig.2) show the two different covers, both with a Richmond & Twickenham postmark of 5 August 1964. One of these contains a letter from Roussel Laboratories (Fig.3) with a couple of short paragraphs about the cover (fig.4). The other covers I have bear a Southampton postmark with the envelope design and the CDS reversed.

John Gray

**Phil Sheridan, P. O. Box 99, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0NN**



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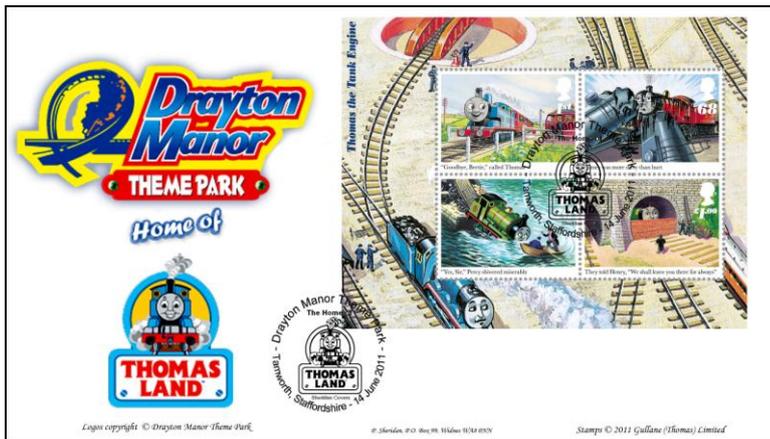
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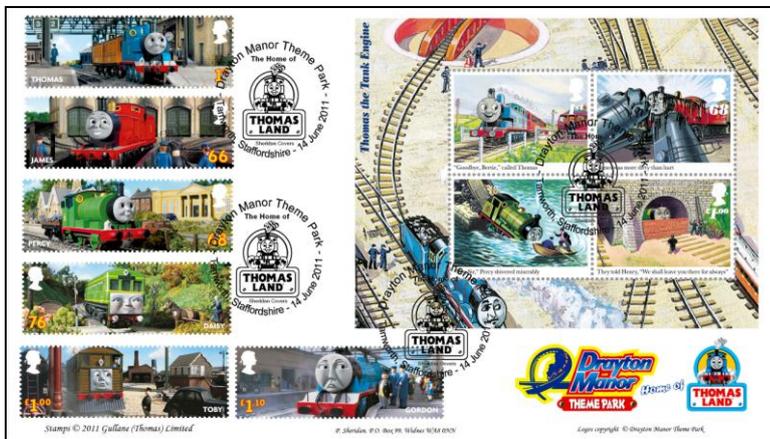
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# Making your own cover by John Cook

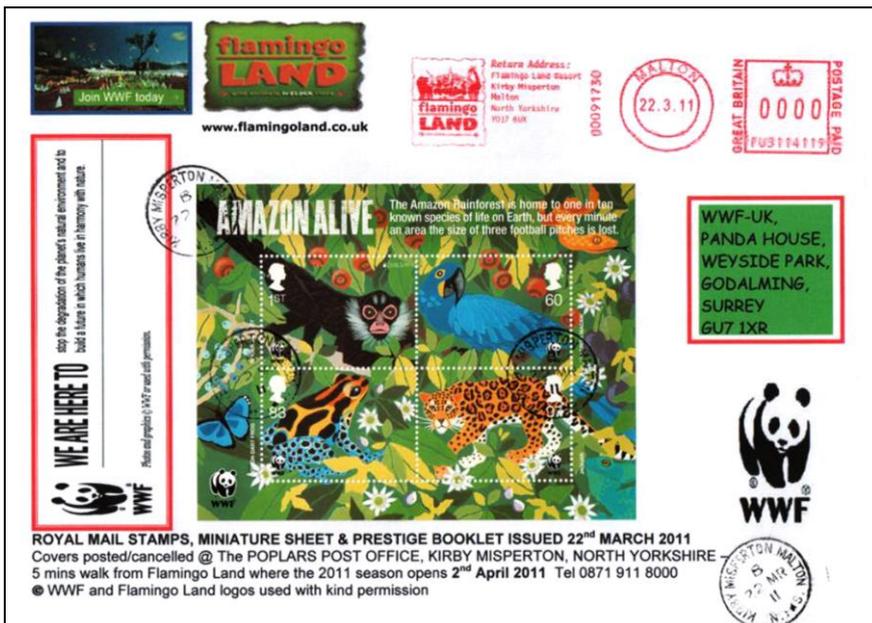
**Flamingo Land Zoo and Resort** is actually situated in the village of Kirby Misperton, which is about a mile off the main road between Malton and Pickering. The Coastliner buses from Leeds and York to Whitby are routed through the village and when Flamingo Land is open to the public (opens Sat 2nd April this year) the bus route is extended by about half a mile straight to the gates of the attraction. Only one problem is that there is only one hostelry in the village which is quite posh and a 'Country Club'.

I left home about 8am to catch a train to Leeds where I then caught the Scarborough train direct to Malton and I then had to wait 40 mins to hop on the bus. I arrived at Flamingo Land about 11am and my arrangements were so organised and went like clockwork that I surprised myself and found myself in the smallest Post Office I have ever seen, about 6 foot by 3 foot counter area, by 11.15am getting my covers CDS cancelled and was able to catch the next bus into Pickering where the NYMR franked a couple of blank envelopes for me.



The Postmistress at Pickering flatly refused to do me a favour, even insinuating she wouldn't do Special Delivery cancellations. So I walked out of her establishment without buying anything. I got the miniature sheets CDS handstamped at The Meerkats.com ---- sorry I meant The Markets, Leeds, Post Office --- a subtle link to WWF here somewhere.

I got back home about 3.45pm and the travelling expenses with an early taxi to Shipley station and the rail fare with my Senior Railcard only amounting about £17 - the buses cost me nothing, only time. Plus the stamps, sheets and PSB of course!!



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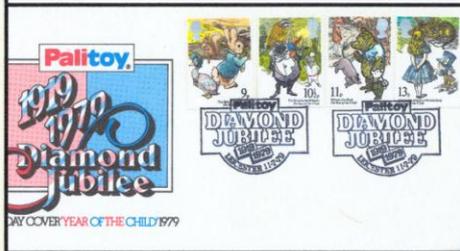
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