

# FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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## From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the December 2011 edition of First Day Coverage. We publish the minutes of both the Committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 and the minutes of the AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at the Collingwood

Centre, Birmingham. We would like to thank everyone who turned up to support the association on the day. We hope you spent an enjoyable few hours.

One of the main topics of discussion was the limited information coming from Royal Mail about forthcoming stamp issues during 2012, which means that we are unable to decide on which covers to produce a GBFDC official for in advance. We have chosen to start the year with Roald Dahl on 10<sup>th</sup> January and we have a super cover for you (see page 3). However, apart from Roald Dahl and A-Z of Britain Part 2 on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012, we have not decided on the other two covers at

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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,  
West Sussex RH12 5HA*

### West Midlands Region

Meetings held in The Bowling Green Pub, Shaw Lane,  
Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove. Worcestershire B60 4BH.

For future dates please contact: Mr Joseph Bevan,

Tel: 07969 311 003 & 0121 477 9924  
(weekdays 7-10pm).

*Queries to: Terry Barnett, Hon. Secretary, 7 Mackets  
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## Important Notice

### *DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2012 EDITION*

Items for publication **MUST** be with the editor by  
**7th January 2012**

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

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**From the Editor's Desk**  
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the moment. As soon as we know then we will announce it in the newsletter.

**Also** on 5<sup>th</sup> January Royal Mail release four distinctive new self adhesive definitive stamps featuring the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games logo – 2 x 1<sup>st</sup> class NVIs and two Worldwide Airmail up to 20gm stamps. Whatever your thoughts on these new stamps it doesn't really detract from the fact that they are new definitives and commemorate and promote London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games, which is good.

**It is** widely believed that Royal Mail will substantially increase tariffs again this April but Royal Mail has not commented on the issue to date. Speculation by the newspapers has put this as high as 53% increase on 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp. Ofcom is carrying out a major review of the UK mail sector so no doubt we will be informed in due course. However, I am sure that this is scaremongering by the newspapers, but, as a stamp and cover collector myself, I can only feel that if the speculation proves to be true, then this size of hike in prices can only add another nail in the coffin of our beloved hobby. We have come to expect annual price rises as a way of life but what we don't expect is prices to rise so significantly.

**We** also report on changes within Royal Mail's compensation service for lost or damaged items. From 9 January 2012, maximum compensation will no longer be linked to the value of a first class stamp. Maximum compensation for Royal Mail Tracked items will be £50. Enhanced compensation will remain available for Special Delivery, International Signed For and Airsure items. I think the biggest change is the

announcement that Royal Mail will no longer pay compensation for lost or damaged items sent using contract services that do not include a tracking element. This includes both domestic and international services. Now, I don't know about you, but I read this to mean if a Proof of Posting certificate is obtained and an item is lost or damaged then compensation will not be paid. If I have this wrong then someone please correct me. Further information can be viewed at [www.royalmail.com/termschanges](http://www.royalmail.com/termschanges) A leaflet can be obtained from Royal Mail titled 'Important Information: notice of changes to services, terms & conditions.'

**We** bring you very sad news that Frank Aldridge passed away on 2 November after a short illness. It was a great shock as he was so well a couple of weeks previously. He will be very sadly missed. Read Frank's obituary on page 10. We also publish posthumously Frank's last article for the newsletter on page 18 in commemoration of Frank's unstinting support of this newsletter and GBFDC.

**GBFDC** is also looking for a new Hon. Secretary so if you feel you can do the job then please read page 6 for further details.

**Well, that's it from us for this edition. Christmas will soon be upon us and our next edition is February 2012. Have a lovely Christmas and a great New Year. Don't forget your newsletter over the holiday. We have nothing at all in hand for the February edition so your help is badly needed.**

*Phil Sheridan, Hon. Editor.*

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

## GBFDC No.42 OFFICIAL COVER – Roald Dahl single set – 10 January 2012

Due to Royal Mail embargo dates and the fact that we are not informed of the stamp formats and prices of future issues during 2012, it is impossible at this stage to announce all the issues we will be producing a GBFDC cover for. As soon as we know for certain then it will be announced in the newsletter. However we do intend to produce a cover for four issues as usual.

We very strongly advise members who would like these covers to place your order and send in your cheque as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment. **The closing date for ALL Standing Orders is Christmas Eve.** After that no further orders for GBFDC Official covers will be taken. The first cover is very early in January and the S/O list fills very quickly so please let Terry Barnett have your orders as soon as possible. You can either use the application form on page 4 or photocopy it but as long as you make your requirements clear and include your cheque then any kind of bit of paper will suffice.

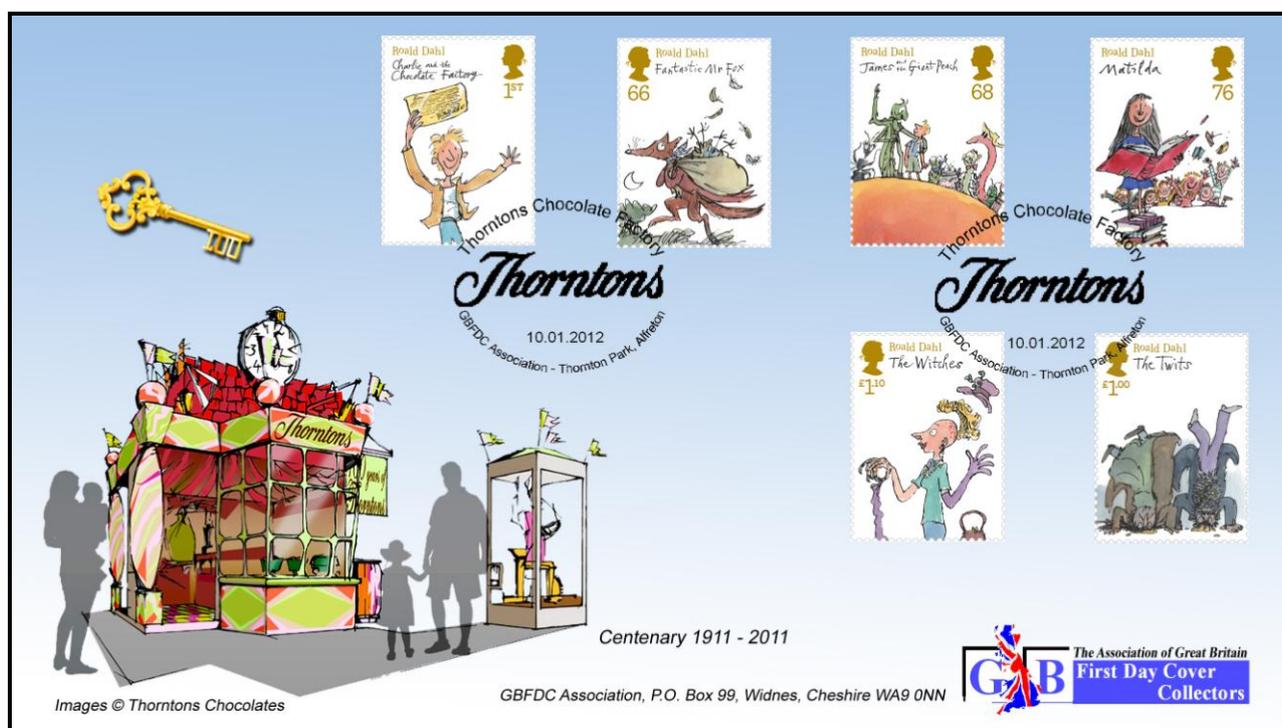
This is the first GBFDC official cover for 2012 and it will be a Limited Edition. The Standing Order list is open for the four issues of 2012.

### PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CHEQUE WITH ALL ORDERS PLEASE

Make cheques payable to '**GBFDC**' and send to:

Terry Barnett, 7 Macketts Lane, Hunts Cross, Liverpool L25 0QA

Tel: 0151 486 2610 - Email: [terryhunts@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:terryhunts@tiscali.co.uk)



## GBFDC Association Official Cover 2012 Application Form For All Four Covers

Please send me **all four** GBFDC official covers (Roald Dahl , A-Z Britain Part 2 and two more covers TBA 2012 [Issues subject to change]) at **£56 –**

Total cost £.....

Name.....Address.....

Postcode.....Tel:.....

Email address (where applicable).....

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Make cheques payable to '**GBFDC**' and send to:

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**Tel: 0151 486 2610 - Email: [terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk)**

(All orders will be processed on a first come first served basis)

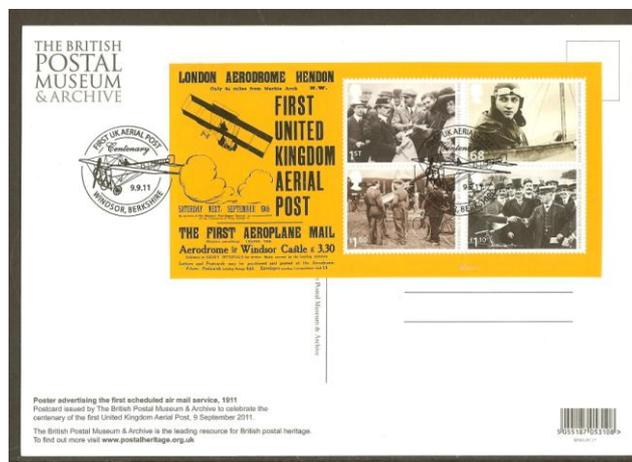
## First United Kingdom Aerial Post Centenary Postcard

A5 size (21mm x 15mm) postcard, showing the advertising poster of the first scheduled air mail service, issued by The British Postal Museum Archives to celebrate the centenary of the first United Kingdom Aerial Post, 9 September 2011. This postcard was issued in a Limited Numbered quantity of 200 only.

I have serviced two sets of postcards (as shown), both bearing the Airmail Centenary Mini Sheet, one tied with FDI, Hendon, London NW4 and the second tied with First UK Aerial Post Centenary, Windsor SHS. Both postcards available for sale at £12.50 each plus £1.50 p&p.

### Orders & Payment:

Farrukh Jamil, PO Box 31261, London NW2 6GA (UK). E-mail: [farrukh.jamil@virgin.net](mailto:farrukh.jamil@virgin.net)



## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Saturday October 1st 2011 at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham**

The meeting commenced at 9.15pm with all Committee Members present.

The minutes of the last Committee meeting held in October 2010 were read and accepted on a proposal by Alan and seconded by Dot.

The only matter arising from those minutes was that Richard advised that he will be doing another club auction in October/November.

### **Chairman's Report**

Richard advised that he had attended Derek Williams memorial service on behalf of the Association. Chris Sutcliffe and Ian Carty also attended.

Richard welcomed David Cohen and John Chidgey to the meeting.

Richard passed around a graph of the hits to our website. It was pointed out that no members of the committee had received any enquiries nor had any of the hits converted to new members. A discussion took place regarding the Association website and on a suggestion from David, Richard will enquire whether it is possible to set up a Members area on the website. David advised that this area could allow members to pay their subs directly to the Association account. It was agreed that our present website was not marvellous but is sufficient for an information and enquiry website.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Alan gave his treasurers report which showed a considerable improvement on last year's mainly due to the reduction of expenses. It was pointed out that the free AGM had also been a drain on funds and that this needs to be looked at again. The accounts were approved on a proposal by Dot and seconded by Phil.

### **Newsletter Report**

Phil advised that as usual more articles were needed for the newsletter although the MCS was still going strong.

### **Cover Report**

Phil advised that Royal Mail is not producing the key news report on a regular basis which is making it difficult to plan for next year's covers. There will be four covers as usual at £14 per cover and the usual standing order list is elsewhere in this newsletter. Phil pointed out that she wanted no other involvement from other committee members in the choice and production of the Association covers and this was agreed by all present.

### **Advertising**

It was decided to continue with the present advertising policy of only using free advertising or notices via the magazines. Adrian Bradbury and Jeffery Booth have both agree to put free adverts for the Association in their publications. Terry suggested that we try and get the flyer either sponsored or get paid advertising for the back page. Some changes were also recommended to the flyer itself.

### **A.O.B.**

Richard will try to remember to remove his website signature when sending emails to members.

It was agreed that Phil and Dot should continue to get their 2 free covers per issue and these should include the AGM covers. Any leftover AGM covers should be auctioned via the newsletter and the number should be increased to 60 covers (please see the AGM minutes).

For those members not receiving their newsletter via email, and those that we have an email address for, should receive an email newsletter as a way of persuading them to change from hard copy to email.

In response to a members question regarding reduced rates for emailed newsletters it was agreed that no reduction would take place at the present time. However as and when we need to increase subs their subs would not increase.

David will look at arranging for online payments for subs. Richard proposed that Alan becomes an honorary member. Richard read out a letter from Terry advising that with immediate effect he would be standing down as secretary but that he would be willing to continue until a replacement is found. There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15pm

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## **GBFDC Association Requires Hon. Secretary.**

Dear Members,

We are looking for a new secretary to join the GBFDC Committee.

Terry Barnett has served as GBFDC Secretary for 12 years now, and has decided it is time to stand down, and let someone else contribute to the running of the Club with some new and fresh ideas.

Terry has kindly consented to stay on as secretary in the interim period until a new secretary takes up office.

If you feel up for the job please contact Richard Park in the first instance, to chat about what is involved in the role. Tel: 01403 241825 or email [rjpark@btinternet.com](mailto:rjpark@btinternet.com)

Brief requirements for the role as GBFDC secretary are as follows:-

- You need to have email as this is the committees preferred method of communication.
- You will be required to attend committee meetings & AGM which will require travelling & possibly an over night stop.  
(Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed)
- Minimum period of service required is 2 years.

Secretaries Duties:-

- Record minutes at Committee meetings and AGM and produce them for the newsletter and committee members.
- Send out membership renewals and reminders, collect in the annual subscriptions.
- Deal with enquiry letters, emails, phone calls, etc.
- Be the main contact for organising the AGM and associated activities.
- Keep good records of payments received and send cheques to the Treasurer
- Keep membership database up to date with the Chairman
- Communicate with all members of the committee and answer emails promptly.

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**We would like to wish all our members a very  
Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New  
Year.**

**From your Committee**



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

Dear Editor.....

Regarding the AGM official cover - I have to say I do not think this is a fair system. Whilst I completely agree that it is good to encourage members to come to the AGM and reward loyalty (which I assume are the reasons for the policy) this penalises those of us who cannot always do what they would like to do. I work in a demanding job that does not respect weekends and I am also fulltime carer and chauffeur to my fourth son (who is still a teenager) and fulfil the same role on a part-time basis for the four grandchildren of my older sons.

In these circumstances it is rather hard that despite being a member for a couple of years now I risk either missing out on a cover from my own Club entirely or at best having to pay through the nose for one in Auction.



### £20 Star Letter

If anyone has any views on this I would be interested to hear them and if anyone would be kind enough to sell me one at a reasonable premium I would be very grateful and can be contacted on [andrew.clark67@hotmail.com](mailto:andrew.clark67@hotmail.com).

Excuse my moan but I feel I have a reasonable grouse here.

Andrew Clark

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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.***

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Dear Editor.....

I fear that there are too many contributions from me in the Newsletter – but I can't stop myself responding to Phil's pleas for more articles. I do wish other specialist collectors would also share their thoughts on their own collections – I so enjoy reading about what other folks collect, and it can lead to some excellent follow up in the Newsletter, and also some private correspondence (for example: I have been enjoying corresponding with Richard Dean about his CoverCraft collection).

Selwyn Goodacre

*✉ Selwyn, don't ever feel that you contribute too much to the Newsletter. We can never have too much copy for the newsletter. It is always good if we can have articles in hand for forthcoming editions but that*

*is seldom the case. Please continue to send in your articles for publication, but we do take your point, it would be nice if we could receive material from other collectors too. Many members have fabulous specialist (thematic) collections and we are sure our members would enjoy reading about them.*

Dear Editor.....

In response to Phil's request about the Belfast cover, I really think it is a standard Philart cover and the price is just a reflection of the growing interest in older fine illustrated covers with interesting postmarks. Also, the "sniping" of items, where for something rare, people are putting in a high bid in a hope to guarantee getting the item, means that if two people have the same idea, even quite ordinary covers sell for a premium.

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It is perhaps concerning however, that the prices achieved on eBay (and other online marketplaces, such as Ebid) mean that existing FDC catalogues are now significantly out of agreement with the actual market prices, particularly for decimal stamps. With 1974 special cancels catalogued at GBP35.00+ selling for just a few pounds, the Benham 1978 horses official (cat GBP65.00) regularly selling for GBP3.00 to 5.00 and 1980's and 90's special postmark covers catalogued up to GBP12.00 selling for pennies, its clear that an overhaul is necessary, if catalogues are to really represent the "market value" of a cover collection.

Indeed, as the cover Phil mentions goes to show (not to mention the 1/2d Guernsey CI Occupation blued paper catalogued at GBP275, that recently sold for more than GBP3000 in one of Brian Reeves recent auctions) older, scarcer covers are being snapped up, often at a significant premium to catalogue prices, especially if they are on envelopes whose illustration is out of the ordinary. In particular Holmes-Tolley covers – which until a few years ago attracted little premium above the standard – are now selling like hot cakes; the 1966 World Cup winners

example recently sold for more than GBP40.00.

**Richard Bennett**

*Dear Editor.....*

I read the letter on Booth catalogue - I tend to use Bradbury but it doesn't list everything and his prices seem pretty fixed. What do you "professionals" think? How can one assess prices for M/M COVERS?

**David Binns.**

*Dear Editor.....*

As an alert to GBFDC members there is a company called Postal Delivery Services (PDS) putting cards through doors claiming that they have been unable to deliver a parcel and advising a phone number to ring to arrange delivery. However, if you ring the number it goes to Belize and will instantly cost you £315!!

**Name & address supplied**

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## COVERS FOR SALE

I have a quantity of Benham BLCS covers for sale. Some carry the same number but have different cancels. If you are interested in any of these covers and would like further details please contact me. I will be happy to send a scan/s of any cover. They are numbers:-

2 - 4 - 5 - 6b - 8b - 9b - 10 - 10b - 11 - 11b - 12b - 13 - 13b - 15 - 15b - 18a - 18b - 19 - 21b - 23b  
24 - 26 - 26b - 27b - 29 - 30b - 31 - 31b - 33 - 34b - 35 - 35b - 36 - 38b - 39 - 40b - 41b - 43b - 45b  
49b - 51 - 51c - 52b - 54b - 55b - 56 - 58b - 59d - 60 - 60b - 62 - 65 - 68b - 69 - 70c - 73b - 76 - 80  
80b - 82 - 83b - 84 - 85 - 87b - 92c - 100 - 101 - 104 - 104b - 109 - 110 - 110b - 112b - 116b - 118  
119 - 121 - 122 - 124 - 125b - 132 - 133 - 133s - 137 - 138 - 139 - 143b - 144 - 146 - 154

***These covers are £1.75 each POST FREE***

**Please contact Terry Barnett, tel. 0151 486 2610 or email: [terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk)**

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## WANTED FOR OWN DISPLAY COLLECTION FORGERIES

**Of any Great Britain First Day Covers. Relating to Postmark, Stamps, Cover, Illustration, Etc.**

**Details/Prices to: Peter Middleton, 331 Wollaton Road, Nottingham NG8 1FQ**

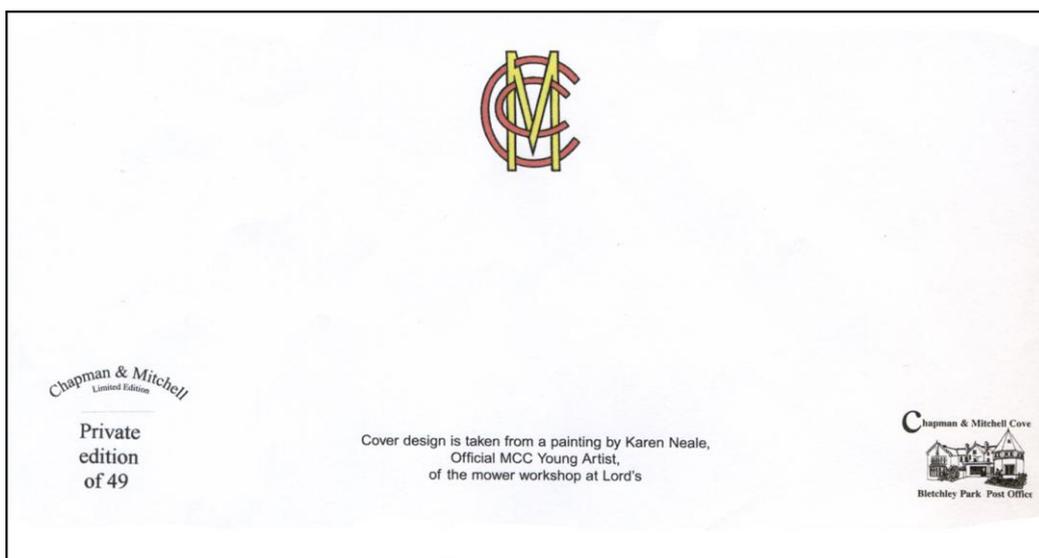
## STORY BEHIND THE COVER

In 2006, Royal Mail – for only the second time in their history – released, at fairly short notice, a new Commemorative stamp issue on 9<sup>th</sup> November (*the first occasion being the 1993 Christmas stamps*). This date coincided with the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of one of our members. As a ‘celebration’ had been planned for family, friends and some former & current work colleagues, the thought occurred that this was too good an opportunity to miss.

So, with the gracious co-operation of Karen Neale, the artist of the Lord’s Cricket Ground painting featured on the cover, an MCC representative, on whose behalf the cover had initially been produced for the 2006 Christmas stamp issue, and Chapman & Mitchell Covers (AKA Bletchley Park Post Office), who organised the cover for the MCC, a limited edition special FDC was arranged (as shown) using the complete ‘Lest We Forget’ miniature sheet.



The 49 covers produced (*there should have been 50 but Royal Mail SHC messed up on one!*) were given to attendees at the birthday event held on 11<sup>th</sup> November at Bletchley Park.



Within the cover envelope was a note outlining how the cover design and stamps encapsulated our member’s life, prompting memories of days gone by and of family, friends and work colleagues who had

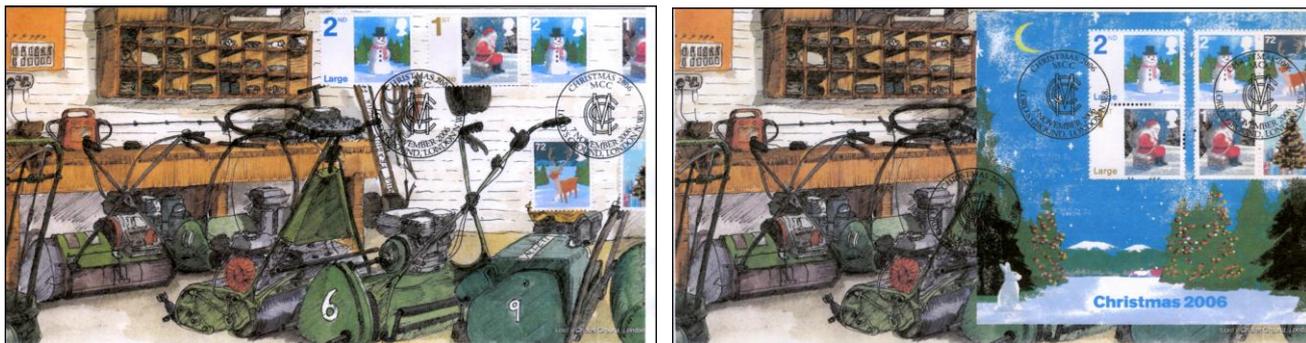
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been part of their life. There were serious thoughts too provoked by the theme of the stamps, including the significance of Bletchley Park's WW2 Codebreakers and, more recently, '9/11'. The detailed 'storyline' ranged through the producer's life-long interest and involvement in cricket, through churchyard grass cutting activities, working in and visiting London for theatre trips (*the cancel is for London SW1 – not very clear when Royal Mail use black print on their sheets!*), die cast model collecting (*the tractor on the Victory stamp!*) and philatelic interests.

The gift was intended both to remind and publicly acknowledge, and express appreciation of, the roles and support that recipients had, and in many cases continued to play, in our member's life.

***Editor's note: has anyone come across any of these covers for sale? If so, news would be on interest***

The covers were designed for use with the 2006 Xmas stamp issue (covers shown below).



**Name & address supplied**  
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## **Obituary**

### **Frank Aldridge 1929 - 2011**

It is with great sadness that we report that Frank Aldridge passed away in hospital aged 82 at 10.10 pm on 2 November 2011, following a short illness. It was a very big shock to all who knew him within GBFDC and considered him a good friend. His passing was very sudden, given a couple of weeks previously he said he was feeling very well for his age. Frank was a very active member of GBFDC, writing articles for the newsletter, attending meetings when he could and always participating in the club auction, both bidding and supplying material to sell.

His favourite theme was transport and he collected Hovercraft covers in particular. He was very knowledgeable about all covers and many times he submitted scans of interesting covers not featuring in the catalogues. We are indebted to him for his newsletter contributions. Frank was a very kind and gentle man, and much thought of by his friends here in GBFDC. He will be very sadly missed.

Our thoughts are with his wife, Elvie, and his family at this very sad time.

## Members Cover Sale

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: Peter Middleton, 331, Wollaton Road NG8 1FQ

1978	Christmas	Rotary in Clacton official	£15
1979	Kew Gardens	Botanic Gardens Kew official	£10
1980	Birds	Collect British Stamps Slogan	£5
1980	Famous People	Mrs Gaskells Cranford Slogan	£12
1980	Sporting Anniv.	WRU Centenary official	£6
1981	Folklore	Padstow CDS	£5
1981	Disabled	Int. Year of Disabled People Slogan	£8
1981	Disabled	Menphys Celebrates official	£7
1981	Butterflies	Nat. Butterfly Museum Bamber official	£10
1981	D of E Award	Duke of Edinburgh Award Slogan.	£6
1981	D of E Award	Duke of Edinburgh Award official	£6
1981	Fishing	Century of Trading Billingsgate official	£7
1982	Textiles	British Philatelic Fed. official	£6
1983	C'wealth	Royal Commonwealth Soc. official	£5
1983	British Army	Edinburgh CDS (Royal Scots cover)	£6
1983	British Army	Woolwich nor Huntingdon CDS	£5
1983	British Fairs	Big Top CDS	£6
1984	Farming	Backbone of Britain official	£7
1984	Econ. Summit	Stock Exchange CDS	£8
1985	Trains	G.W.R. Didcot, Oxon official	£7
1986	Parl. Conference	House of Lords or Commons CDS	£17
1988	Armada	Royal Tournament official	£15
1989	Games/Toys	Save the Children Week Slogan	£15
1990	Penny Black (set)	House of Lords or Commons CDS	£17
1990	Q. Mother	Mey CDS	£10
1990	Gallantry	RAF Coltishall CDS (signed C.O.)	£13
1991	Dogs	Stubbs Cross CDS	£6
1993	Roman	Britain Britannia CDS	£6
1994	Prince of Wales	Prince Charles Avenue CDS	£7
1994	D-Day	Portsmouth 800 Slogan	£7
1994	Christmas	Nasareth CDS	£6
1995	Cats	Please Control Your Dog Slogan	£7
1995	Cats	Catsfield CDS	£5
1995	Springtime	Kew Gardens CDS	£7

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**Contact details: D Radley. E-mail: [salwals@aol.com](mailto:salwals@aol.com) Tel: 07939 832 184**

*(All perfect CDS strike unless stated otherwise)*

02/11/98	Christmas 4d Post fdc (No M/M) with Godshill CDS	£5.00
02/11/99	Christians RM fdc Historic Scotland – Edinburgh Castle M/M & St. Andrews <b>CDS</b>	£7.50
02/11/99	Christians RM fdc Bible Society M/M & Godshill <b>CDS</b>	£7.50
02/11/99	Christians RM fdc Bible Society M/M & Christchurch <b>CDS</b>	£7.50
23/04/01	English Pictorials 4d Post fdc Tudor Rose M/M & Tudor Square <b>CDS</b>	£8.00

**Contact Details: Farrukh Jamil, PO Box 31261, London NW2 6GA. E-mail: [farrukh.jamil@virgin.net](mailto:farrukh.jamil@virgin.net).**

Prices inclusive of P&P. Scanned images of the covers are available on request.

1978	Brighton Racecourse OFDC bearing full set of Shirehouse Society stamps tied with The Sport of Kings, Brighton SHS(HWA). Cat £50	£20
1982	Stewart Petty British Motor Cars OFDC No.10 bearing full set tied with Worshipful Company of Coachmakers, London WC SHS (SAL)	£10
1982	Stewart Petty Maritime Heritage Year OFDC No.6 bearing full set tied with Lloyds Register of Shipping, London EC3 SHS Cat £45	£20
1982	RM Maritime Heritage Reg'd FDC bearing full set tied with Clyde Submarine Base CDS, Dunbarton R Label 176653 and cacheted; Posted on the First Day of Issue from Clyde Submarine Base (SAL)	£10
1985	RM Famous Trains FDC bearing full set tied with Crowthorne Station, Crowthorne CDS. Cat £25	£10
1985	Stamp Bug Club FDC bearing full set of Famous Trains stamps tied with Bristol FDI SHS	£35
1985	Stamp Bug Club 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. FDC bearing full set of British Insects stamps tied with Stamp Bug Club 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv, High Wycombe SHS	£35
1986	Stamp Bug Club Special Royal Wedding FDC bearing full set of Royal Wedding stamps tied with City of London Toasts the Bride & Groom SHS	£35
2009	RM Plants FDC, 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniv M/S tied with 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniv Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond SHS	£8
2009	RM Plants FDC bearing all 4 stamps from M/S tied with 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniv Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond SHS	£8
2010	RM Plants Cover bearing NAFAS 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Booklet tied with Flower Festival, All Saints Church, Wisbech	£8
2010	RM British Design Classic FDC, Spitfire cylinder booklet tied with 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniv, Battle of Britain, Biggin Hill. (Only 10 Numbered Cvr's Produced. Only No.1 left)	£10
2010	A4 Cover bearing Battle of Britain, 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniv Smilers Sheet tied with 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniv, Battle of Britain, Biggin Hill SHS. (Only 10 Numbered Cvr's produced. Only 2 left)	£20
2011	RM Olympic & Paralympic Games FDC bearing Booklet No.6 tied with Sporting Disciplines Retail Booklet, Wembley SHS.	£8
2011	Stampex Cover, Birds of Britain IV set tied with Autumn Stampex 2011 Post & Go FDI, 16.09.11, pictorial SHS	£10
2011	RM Magical Realms FDC. Arthur Road, Birmingham.	£8
2011	RM Genius of Gerry Anderson Booklet FDC.FAB 1, Newton Tracey, N.Devon.	£8
	2011 RM Genius of Gerry Anderson full set of stamps FDC. FAB 1, Newton Tracey, N.Devon	£8
2011	Stampex Cover, 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv British Heart Foundation Cylinder Booklet tied with British Heart Foundation, Heartlands Road, Birmingham SHS	£10
2011	RM Post & Go Cover bearing full set of Birds of Britain IV tied with Birds of Britain 4, Beach Close, Birmingham SHS	£8
2011	RM Post & Go Cover bearing full set of Birds of Britain IV tied with Autumn Stampex, Post & Go Birds of Britain 4, London N1, 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	£8

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

13/02/01	Cats & Dogs RM fdc Guide Dogs for Blind M/M & Isle of Dogs <b>CDS</b>	£8.50
13/02/01	Cats & Dogs RM fdc Husky M/M & Isle of Dogs <b>CDS</b>	£8.00
13/02/01	Cats & Dogs RM fdc NCDL A Dog is for Life M/M & Barking <b>CDS</b>	£8.50
10/04/01	Submarines RM fdc The Nautical Institute M/M & Sea Street <b>CDS</b>	£8.50
10/04/01	Submarines RM fdc Royal Naval Association M/M & Admirals Way <b>CDS</b>	£10.00

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10/04/01	Submarines RM fdc Sealine Cruising to Perfection M/M & Holland on Sea	<b>CDS</b>	£8.50
15/05/01	Buses RM fdc London Transport Users Committee M/M & Leyland	<b>CDS</b>	£8.50
04/09.01	Punch & Judy RM fdc Kidscape M/M & Clowne	<b>CDS</b>	£8.50
04/09.01	Punch & Judy RM fdc Puppet Centre M/M & Blackpool	<b>CDS</b>	£9.00
06/11/01	Xmas 4d Post fdc RSPB M/M & Robins Lane	<b>CDS</b>	£12.00
16/07/02	C'wealth Games 4d fdc Manchester Evening News M/M & Manchester	<b>CDS</b>	£10.00
16/07/02	C'wealth Games 4d fdc Bolton Arena M/M & Bolton	<b>CDS</b>	£10.00
16/07/02	C'wealth Games Cotswold fdc Reebok M/M & Badminton	<b>CDS</b>	£10.00
05/11/02	Xmas RM fdc Flowers & Plants M/M & Ivy Mount	<b>CDS</b>	£8.00
05/11/02	Xmas 4d Post fdc Eden Project M/M & Winter Garden	<b>CDS</b>	£8.50
05/11/02	Xmas 4d Post fdc Snowflake Group M/M & Holly Hall	<b>CDS</b>	£9.00
*09/11/06	Battle of the Somme M/S Sheridan Western Front Association official Dual Signed by Earl Kitchener and Earl Haig (They sign only their surnames)		£75.00
*08/11/07	Battle of Passchendaele M/S Sheridan Western Front Association official Dual Signed by Earl Kitchener and Earl Haig (They sign only their surnames)		£75.00
*06/11/08	Armistice 1918-2008 M/S Sheridan Western Front Association official Dual Signed by Earl Kitchener and Earl Haig (They sign only their surnames)		£75.00
<b>(All three cover designs differ slightly. *Special Offer all three covers for Unsigned versions of the same covers</b>			<b>£200)</b>
*09/11/06	Battle of the Somme M/S Sheridan Western Front Association official		£30.00
*08/11/07	Battle of Passchendaele M/S Sheridan Western Front Association official		£30.00
*06/11/08	Armistice 1918-2008 M/S Sheridan Western Front Association official		£30.00
<b>(All three cover designs differ slightly. *Special Offer all three covers for</b>			<b>£75)</b>
22/01/09	Robert Burns Sheridan Robert Burns World Federation official		£25.00
01/09/09	Fire & Rescue Sheridan British Fire Services Association official		£28.00
<b>Christmas official covers</b>			
07/11/06	single set Sheridan Donna's Dream House official		£30.00
07/11/06	M/S Sheridan Donna's Dream House official		£30.00
06/11/07	single set Sheridan Angels International official		£30.00
06/11/07	M/S Sheridan Angels International official		£30.00
04/11/08	single set Sheridan Grand Theatre official		£25.00
04/11/08	M/S Sheridan Grand Theatre official		£25.00
04/11/08	single set Sheridan St.Giles Pantomime Society official		£25.00
04/11/08	M/S Sheridan St.Giles Pantomime Society official		£25.00

**Postage at cost**

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1963	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar. F.F.H. Phosphor cancelled Tenth Anniv. Stampex. Phos.	£30
1963	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar. F.F.H. Slogan Freedom from Hunger. Non- Phos.	£12
1963	7 <sup>th</sup> May. Paris Postal Conference. Cancelled with Post Office Tercentenary, Dover Packet Services Non-Phos	£11
1963	3rd Dec. C'wealth Cable. Cancelled Southampton Wavy line Phos	£18
1963	3rd Dec. C'wealth Cable. St.Albans CDS	£8
1964	4th Sept.. Forth Rd Bridge. Cancelled Philatelic Bureau Phos.	£11
1965	15th Nov. Int. Telecom CDS cancelled Totton. Southampton Non-Phos.	£8
1966	1st June World Cup Football. Philatelic Bureau cancellation Phos.	£9
1968	12th Aug. Brit. Paintings, cancelled Parish Church Restoration, Kettering official	£22
1969	15th Jan. Brit. Ships, cancelled Lloyds Coffee House	£32
1971	16th Jun. Ulster Paintings, cancelled 53 <sup>rd</sup> Philatelic Congress	£28
1972	16th Feb. Polar Explorers, cancelled Philatelic Bureau	£3

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1972	21st Jun. Village Churches. Set of 5 with appropriate cancellations	£8
1972	20th Nov. Silver Wedding BF1307 postal service cancellation	£10
1973	16th May County Cricket Centenary, cancelled IBRA Exhibition Munich official	£170
1974	10th July Great Britons. Glyndwr's Parliament House. Ord. cover	£12
1975	23rd Apr. Architecture. Ord. cover cancelled St. G, Chapel	£8
1975	26th Nov. Xmas. Philatelic Bureau cancellation	£0.50
1977	15th Jun. Silver Jubilee. Nuneaton Council official	£18
1978	1st Mar. Historic Buildings. Official cancelled Hampton Court Palace	£10
1978	5th Jul. Shire Horses. Ordinary cancelled Market Weighton	£7
1978	2nd Aug. Cycling Cent.. Official cancelled Tour de France, Nottingham	£9
1978	22nd Nov. Xmas. Official cancelled Gold of El Dorado, Royal Academy	£30
1979	7th Feb. Dogs. Official BOCS 7 Kennel Club	£5
1979	21st Mar. Brit, Flowers. Ordinary cover cancelled Rural Blisworth Exh.	£3
1979	19th May. European Elections. Official BOCS 10	£5
1979	6th Jun. Horse Riding. Pair of covers. 200 <sup>th</sup> Derby Day BOCS 11	£4
1979	1st Jul. Year of Child. Haresfield, Sussex BOCS12	£7
1979	26th Sep. Police. BOCS 14 pair covers cancelled W. Yorks	£3
1979	21st Nov. Xmas. Naming ceremony Margate official	£7
1980	16th Jan. Birds. RSPB. Official	£10
1980	12th Mar. Liverpool & Manchester Railway. Official Gt. Central Rly cvr	£8
1974	27th Feb. Horse Chestnut Tree cancelled at Salisbury one year early On 27/02/73	£30

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1.VICTORIA CROSS 2006,GOOSE GREEN CDS+NAT.ARMY MUSEUM M/M (great cover rarely seen).....	10.00
2.VICTORIA CROSS 2006,THE GURKHA OFFICIAL,(25 done).....	15.00
3.WORLD CUP 2006,FOOTBALL TAVERN OFFICIAL(40 done).....	10.00
4.SOUNDS OF BRITAIN 2006,BLUES HOUSE TAVERN OFFICIAL,(30 done).....	11.00
5.SEA LIFE 2007,SWORDFISH AND THE SEA LION OFFICIAL,(20 done).....	15.00
6.SEA LIFE 2007,LOBSTER AND MARINE TAVEERN OFFICIAL,(20 done).....	15.00
7.LINERS 2004,CROWN AND ANCHOR OFFICIAL(MIN SHEET,30 done).....	17.00
8.LINERS 2007,RAILWAYS OFFICIAL,MERCHANT NAVY BR STEAM LOCO 35003"ROYAL MAIL"(35 done).....	22.00
9.BRITISH MUSEUM 03,ALEXANDRIA CDS BUT ON BRITISH MUSEUM ENVELO.....	9.00
10.CLASSIC CARS 1998,LOVELL OFFICIAL + SILVERSTONE METER MARK.....	16.00

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**Post FREE. If you would like a scan of any cover please ask.**

1964 Geographical PHOS with a London Bureau fdi t/a	£3
1964 Botanical PHOS with a London Bureau fdi t/a	£3
1965 ITU with a Norwich fdi t/a	£1
1965 ITU with a Colwyn Bay fdi t/a	£1
1965 Lister PHOS with a London EC fdi t/a	£2
1965 Lister with a London EC fdi t/a	£1
1965 Arts with a London EC fdi t/a	£1
1965 P.O.T. PHOS with a London WC fdi typed l/a	£1.50

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1965 700 <sup>th</sup> Parl. PHOS with a London WC fdi t/a	£2
1966 Abbey with a Hammersmith wavy line cancel t/a	£1
1966 Abbey with a Halifax cds t/a	£1
1966 Abbey with a Rickmansworth cds t/a	£1
1966 W Cup PHOS with a London Bureau fdi t/a	£1
2000 Art/Craft with a Seaburn cds on a 4d Post cover	£2
2000 Botanical retail sheetlet with a Lanarthney cds on a 4d Post cover (The reverse has the 1987 set of Flowers)	£2
2000 Tree/Leaf with a Chopwell cds on the 4d Post cover (The reverse has the 1990 set of Kew Gardens)	£2
2000 Q Mother sheet with a Whitwell cds on a 4d Post cover (The reverse has the 1980 QM and 1990 QM sets)	£2
2000 Stone/Soil with a Hadfield cds on a 4d Post cover	£2
2001 Nobel Prizes with a Woodstock cds on a 4d Post cover	£2
2001 Flags and Ensigns with a Broadway cds on a 4d Post cover (The reverse has the complete Flags and Ensigns booklet)	£3
2006 Pricing in Proportion with a 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup> Large and 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup> small on a Westminster cover with a Windsor cancel	£3

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07.03.00	Water & Coast, BRAD25, Turning the Tide Durham pk, OFFICIAL	£9.99
04.04.00	Life & Earth, BRAD25, The Earth Centre Doncaster pk, OFFICIAL	£9.99
04.07.00	Stone & Soil, BRAD24, Changing Places Birmingham pk, OFFICIAL	£7.99
05.09.00	Mind & Matter, BRAD25, Special Stamp Edition @ Bristol pk, OFFICIAL	£11.99
03.10.00	Body & Bone, BRAD25, The Prime Meridian Greenwich pk, OFFICIAL	£9.99
05.12.00	Sound & Vision, BRAD27, Year of the Artist Sheffield pk, OFFICIAL	£9.99
16.01.01	The Future, BRAD23, CHF Gateshead pk, OFFICIAL	£7.99
19.06.01	Fabulous Hats, BRAD19, British Hat Guild Luton pk, OFFICIAL	£9.99
10.07.01	Pondlife, BRAD18, Scottish Wildlife Trust pk, OFFICIAL	£7.99
06.02.02	Golden Jubilee, BRAD31, Windsor Castle pk, OFFICIAL	£9.99
08.10.02	Pillar to Post, BRAD20, First Pillar Box London EC1 pk, OFFICIAL	£13.99

**Steven Scott OFFICIALS**

21.04.97	Golden Wedding, BRAD13, Westminster Abbey pk, OFFICIAL	£7.99
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**- END OF SALE -**

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**MCS How to submit your covers for sale**

*Please submit your list either by post or email (typed in a Word Doc.) Please make it LEGIBLE otherwise it will not be included. Send them by e-mail to [sheridanfdcs@aol.com](mailto:sheridanfdcs@aol.com). We would prefer you NOT to list covers in a table as it makes formatting difficult. Any member can sell covers via the newsletter free of charge. If you require further details then please contact the Editor.*

*Please, if possible, only send the list of covers for the next newsletter rather than sending a large list or several lists. It is becoming a little confusing to work out which list belongs to whom and which edition it is for. Thank you*

- 1)** Please list them in a Microsoft Word Document (NOT in a table though). The more details you include then the less space there will be for your covers and less covers will be listed.
- 2)** Either email your list or send it by post to Phil Sheridan. Hon. Editor, GBFDC Association, P.O. Box 99, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0NN. E-mail: [sheridanfdcs@aol.com](mailto:sheridanfdcs@aol.com) When posting hand-written lists please make sure we can read them. It is probably best to print all lists.
- 3)** Deadline for all items for inclusion in to any newsletter is ALWAYS 7th of the previous month to the newsletter publication. Please see top of page 2 and inside back page in EVERY newsletter.

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Collingwood Centre, Birmingham, on Sunday 2nd October 2011**

The meeting commenced at 1pm.

Richard welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Apologies were received from various members.

The minutes of the 2010 meeting were read and approved on a proposal from Alan Maggs and seconded by Peter Maslak.

### **Chairman's Report**

Richard started his report by advising the meeting of Derek Williams death.

He pointed out that the committee were all up for re-election but that Alan was retiring and that Terry had advised of his intention to stand down as secretary.

David Cohen had volunteered to become treasurer and John Chidgey had put himself forward as publicity officer. Richard, Phil and Dot have agreed to stand again.

Membership has increased by 13 members from last year but this is still down on the previous year. Richard asked members if they would be willing to give out flyers to advertise the Association.

He also advised that Jeffery Booth and Adrian Bradbury would be putting a free advertisement in their next publications.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Alan presented the accounts for this year advising that things had improved substantially on last year. Peter Barrett asked why the 'refunds' appeared on the auction balance and suggested that this need not appear. Sam Downes asked why the Committee expenses had almost doubled from the previous report. It was pointed out that not all committee members were able to attend in the previous year, which meant less rooms to be booked and less general expenses. Sheila White asked about the number of members receiving their newsletters via email. Terry advised that these numbered 99 but asked for more members to give their information so that Association could send out more this way. Jonathan Guy asked why the reserve account had reduced by £500 and it was pointed out that this was to accommodate the cost of the AGM cover.

The accounts were approved on a proposal from David Cohen and seconded by Richard Howe.

### **Newsletter Report**

In Phil and Dots absence Richard advised the meeting that contributions to the newsletters were needed. It did not matter how small, whether it be an article or just a snippet of information, it would all be welcome. Although the MCS was a regular feature, lists of covers for sale are always welcomed.

### **Cover Update**

Terry pointed out that Royal Mail is not sending out the key account notices on a regular basis which is making it difficult to organise the issues that we wish to do. In 2012 we would again produce four covers at £14 each using the standing order system. Unfortunately we cannot advise which issues would be used but as soon as they are known a list will appear in the newsletter as will the standing order application form.

### **Election of Officers**

There being no volunteers for their positions Phil, Dot and Richard were re-elected on a proposal from Ken Brown and seconded by Sheila White.

David Cohen was elected as Treasurer on a proposal from Michael Maslak and seconded by Sam Downes and John Chidgey as Publicity Officer on a proposal from Martyn Parry and seconded by Sam Downes.

### **A.O.B.**

Richard asked if anyone had a 2006 Porter catalogue spare would they be willing to donate it to the Association and that he expected to run a second Association auction in October/November.

Richard Howe asked if there were any AGM covers left and whether they were going to be auctioned. A discussion took place on this matter and Sheila White pointed out that according to last years minutes the membership requested that any covers be auctioned on the day. These covers were auctioned and the five covers raised £230 for club finds.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.55pm

## **Collect British First Day Covers Some thoughts on the Bradbury Catalogues**

**By Selwyn Goodacre**

As with the Benham and Booth Catalogues, Adrian Bradbury's catalogues also first saw light of day back in December 1981. It was then titled *Collecting Modern First Day Covers* and was written by N C Porter, 'Designed & Edited' by Adrian Bradbury. They changed the title to the more accurate *Collecting British First Day Covers* with the 11<sup>th</sup> edition 1992. More recently Adrian has taken over the entire project. The latest edition is the 30<sup>th</sup> and appeared in 2011. In fact a remarkably similar publication history as the Booth Catalogues.

I have personal reasons to be grateful to Adrian, who was a great mentor to me in the early days of my interest in collecting FDCs. His catalogues are a mine of information. Every page has beautifully printed colour pictures of many of the covers listed. Unlike Jeffrey Booth, Adrian continues to list 'Official covers' separately, which is a huge help to the aspiring collector. His notes at the beginning of the catalogues are valuable – if you follow his guidelines, you won't go far wrong.

One of his delightful touches is to add notes at the end of each issue entry listing relevant CDSs to look out for. For example, with the 1993 Greetings issue, he lists, among others, – Badger's Mount, Bearpark, Bunny, Hassocks, Molehill Green, Rupert Street, Tweedle, William Street and The Willows. None of these are easy to find, they are seldom listed in sale catalogues, and add a special piquancy to our on-going searches. Will one's collection ever be complete, one wonders.

I have a number of the catalogues issued over the years. Adrian has a bit of a problem, as inexorably new issues appear year by year – and all these need to be accommodated somehow. His current solution appears to be to crowd more on to each page, so the type is getting smaller and smaller with each succeeding issue. Quite where this will end is intriguing. There are already 252 pages – it could increase I imagine, but not for ever. He may have to adopt the *Guinness Book of Records* solution, and become more selective, referring the reader to particular issues of the past. Or may be it will all go totally on line – because -

Adrian has recently created a brilliant website – here you will find many many rarities illustrated. There are no space restrictions. Covers that are not listed in his catalogues are illustrated – often with the byline 'For Reference' – i.e. he does not have them available for sale – but for the specialist collector you have the basic information for ongoing searches.

For the time being however, we can refer to his wonderful catalogues, and for further data visit his website.

As you will have read on page 10, Frank Aldridge passed away on 2 November 2011. We have been given permission by his wife, Elvie Aldridge, to go ahead and posthumously publish Frank's last contribution to the newsletter, which he sent in a couple of weeks ago. In honour of Frank's unstinting support of the newsletter we give you the article below. Thank you Frank.

## Snowdon Mountain Railway

Frank Aldridge very kindly sent in the two cover copies below. Fig.1 is the catalogued version of Fire & Light 1/2/2000, Snowdon Mountain Railway official produced by Dawn Covers as part of their Transport Series. On the back of the cover is states: "Transport Series Cover No.17. This is cover No.8 of 150 issued"

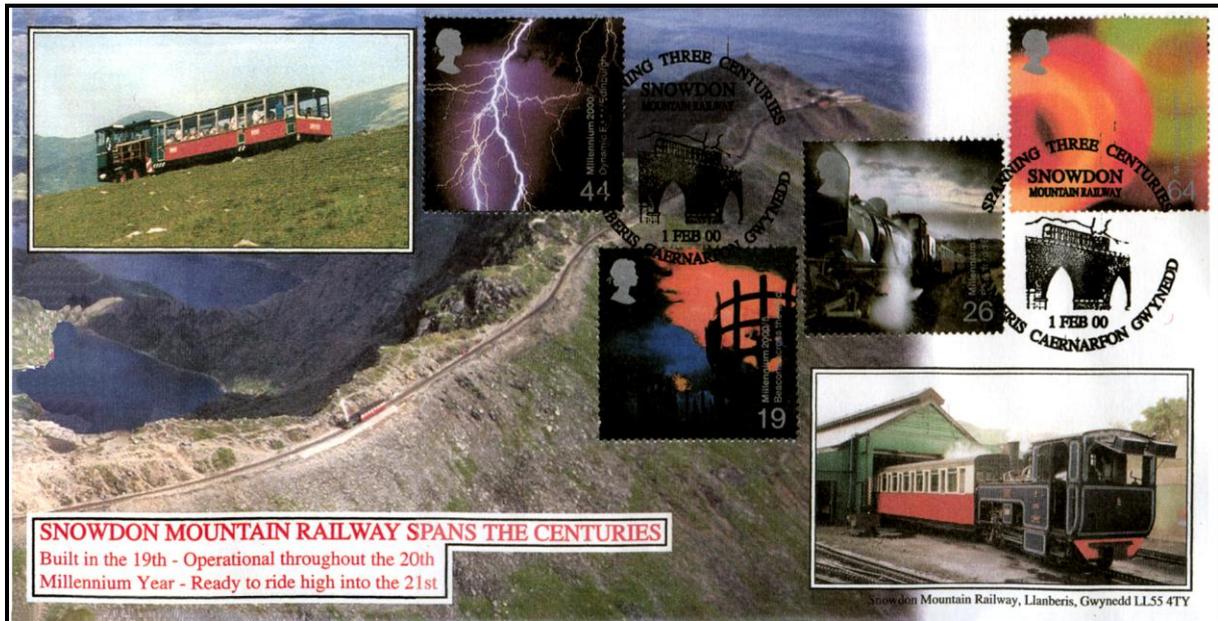
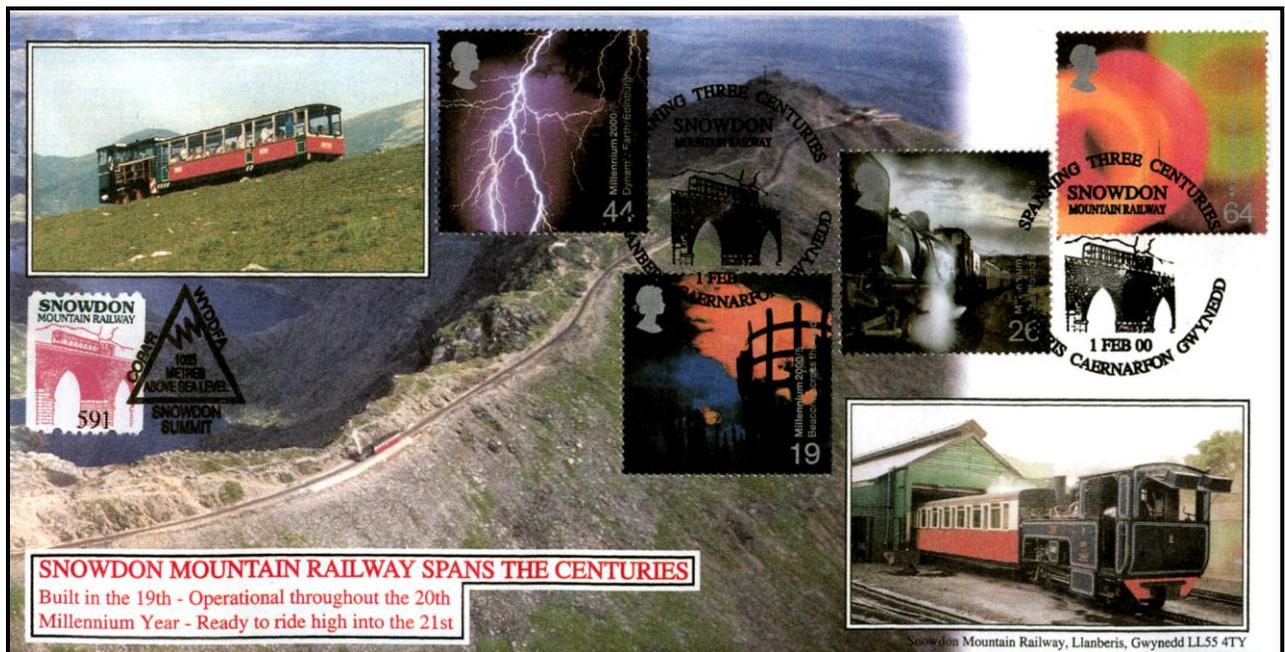


Fig.2. below is a 'variety' of the same cover. The 'variety' is that it was carried by train to the top of Mount Snowdon. Affixed to the cover is a Snowdon Mountain stamp which is cancelled by a Snowdon Summit handstamp. On the back of the cover is states: "Transport Series Cover No.17. This is cover No.116 of 150 issued. Apparently only 20 covers were issued for this trip.



## Decline in Stamp Collecting amongst young people

It was reported in the Sunday Telegraph a few weeks ago under the heading "The Last Post for Stamp Collecting", that although collecting stamps has been a hobby enjoyed by generations of youngsters, it is rapidly in decline due to the dwindling numbers of young people wishing to carry on the hobby. Apparently the blame has been put on the increasing use of email and texting rather than sending a letter, and the fact that postage stamps are seldom used in our post offices any more. Your letter or parcel is more likely to have a nondescript label affixed when you go to post it than have stamps affixed.

There is also the increase in pre-paid envelopes being used by many companies. How much of your mail lands on your door mat that is in a pre-paid envelope? I tested this over several days by counting how much mail I received that was in pre-paid envelopes and how much had a stamp affixed. With the exception of letters from members and customers, none of my mail carried a normal stamp let alone a commemorative!

Apparently, Kidstamp, the national organisation for junior stamp collectors, only has 1,000 members compared to 100,000 in the early 1990s. The same article, by Jasper Copping, included a statement from Erene Grieve, of the Stamp Active Network – which is a group dedicated to promoting the hobby amongst young people – he said "the day is coming soon when children will not know what a stamp is." Often when a child has been shown stamps from Britain and around the world, they can see the magic of them but is becoming increasingly problematic to get them to take up the hobby and stay with it." The article stated that the hobby was now mainly in the hands of elderly men in philatelic societies.

Stamp Active Network is introducing a new 'Starter Pack' for children to coincide with next year's London Olympic Games which they hope will stimulate interest. Mrs Grieve, who runs the Stamps in Schools programme, to help promote the hobby, hopes more celebrities who collect stamps will come forward thus encouraging children more to take up the hobby. Mrs Grieve said "I hear children sneer at those who express an interest in stamps. If only Victoria and David Beckham would come out and say they collect stamps." The article also indentifies the world's most valuable stamp as being the 1868 Z Grill, a USA stamp acquired in 2005 by a Bill Gross, an American Bonds guru, in a swap involving a block of four 1918 "Inverted Jenny" stamps worth \$3million.

We would like to thank Mike Cross for submitting the article. We are sure members will find it interesting. Share your views on the subject by sending in a 'Letter to the Editor' to the usual address.

**Dot R.**

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### FOR SALE

I have quite a few Stanley Gibbons Pioneer Cover Albums with 20 leaves & Collecta Silver Arrow Cover Albums with 25 leaves for sale. All are used but in good condition.

Pioneer Album £3 + £2.70 p&p.

Silver Arrow £3.50 + £3.10 p&p.

Extra leaves available on request.

I also have the following available with details on request -

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Large Collecta Albums with slipcases  
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## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Members,

The unsolds lot list from club auction 20 is available online at [www.gbfdc.co.uk/auction](http://www.gbfdc.co.uk/auction). Where members can purchase any remaining lots unsold in the auction at reserve price or make sensible offers. But please hurry as the list will end soon.

Please email or phone to check availability before sending any money. Printed listed are also available on request

Contact Richard Park 01403 241825 or email [rjpark@btinternet.com](mailto:rjpark@btinternet.com)

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Dear Members,

We are trying to obtain a replacement set of GB First Day Cover Catalogues Part 1 & Part 2 2006 8th Edition by Mike Porter as the set we use for the Club Auctions have fallen apart where the bindings have come to pieces.

If many member has a set that is still serviceable & would like to donate them to the club will would be very grateful. Or, if reasonable priced & in very good condition we would consider purchasing a set.

Please contact Richard Park 01403 241825 or email [rjpark@btinternet.com](mailto:rjpark@btinternet.com)

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## NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

Many members are delighted with the PDF emailed version of the Newsletter. Not only does receiving it this way cut down on having to find storage for paper newsletters around the home, as all PDF Newsletters can be stored in a file of its own on your computer desktop, but it means you can read the newsletter at A4 size and in colour. You can print out all the pages at any time and at any size, or just one page if you so wish.

We do understand that for a variety of reasons many members do not want to receive their copies via email and would prefer to continue with a hard copy. This is not a problem and we would be happy to continue to send them out via the post.

From the point of view of our European and Overseas members emailing your newsletter would mean that you could be on a par with everyone else when it comes to the opportunities of purchasing items advertised in the newsletter, for instance in the Members Cover Sale.

Emailing the newsletter also saves your association money in paying for the newsletter printing and in postage costs. At the time of writing we are emailing the newsletter to 100 members and are keen to increase this number.

Would you be willing to receive your A4 colour newsletter via email instead of a black and white A5 hard copy in the mail ? Yes, then please contact Terry Barnett with your email address.

If you already receive your newsletter by email then please don't forget to let us know if you change your email address.

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## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**We have arranged for the 2012 AGM/Cover Fair to be held on Sunday 7th October 2012 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 hope that you will support the fair and look forward to seeing you all.**

**Dealers attending will be announced nearer the date.**

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