

# FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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## From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the February 2013 Edition of First Day Coverage. A Happy New Year to all our members. We hope your Christmas and New Year festivities went as expected. Unfortunately our holiday period was not good. We lost our beloved dog, Sam, on

Christmas night. He had a stroke and we took him to the emergency vets who couldn't do anything for him so we very reluctantly agreed to put him to sleep. He died in our arms at 9.30pm. Needless to say we were, and are still, devastated. He was 11 and did have a heart condition but his death was totally unexpected on Christmas Day. Those of you who knew Sam will know what a loving and special dog he was and will be sad at our news. He will be lovingly remembered and his ashes will go with Sally (our other dog who died in 2008) and Tommy (our cat who died in 2011).

Back to other things philatelic - By now we should all have our covers and stamps for London Underground issue on 9<sup>th</sup> January. It was (and still is) a very popular issue and I can see

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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 2013*

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## Important Notice

**DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL 2013 EDITION**  
Items for publication MUST be with the editor by  
**7th March 2013**

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 hand for forthcoming newsletters

### From the Editor's Desk *continued.....*

why. I am delighted with the covers I purchased, and with those that I produced.

The next issue I am looking forward to is Doctor Who on 26 March. A word of warning to anyone hoping to design and produce their own covers, copyright issues surrounding Doctor Who are the strictest I have ever come across. Do not under any circumstances be tempted to put any image or wording on your covers relating to Doctor Who or the BBC. I would advise anyone to run their cover design past Maxine Lister at the BBC ([maxine.lister@bbc.com](mailto:maxine.lister@bbc.com)) before proceeding any further. A licence for just mentioning Doctor Who or anything to do with Doctor Who is £1000. The BBC will vigorously pursue through the courts anyone infringing copyright. So you have been warned. It is a mine field like no other.

It will be a big issue however, with a single set of 11 stamps (representing all 11 Doctors through the years), a self adhesive miniature sheet featuring 4 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps, a Dalek, Cyberman, The Ood, and Weeping Angel, and in the centre of the sheet a small Tardis 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp. There is also a Retail Booklet featuring 4 x 1<sup>st</sup> class Tardis stamps, Matt Smith and William Hartnell stamps. A PSB with five panes (the only other PSB with 5

panes was Profile on Print, if my memory serves me correctly). I am sure you can put me right if I am wrong. There is also a Generic Sheet as well, so this issue has it all. I suspect that with such a high profile theme one would expect Royal Mail to issue all stamp formats while they can. It will be a popular issue though with many overseas collectors wanting products – much like The Beatles, James Bond and Harry Potter issues. From a completely personal point of view, in order to help collectors obtain one of everything for Doctor Who, I have decided to drop several stamp issues during 2013. I am not producing any covers after London Underground until Doctor Who on 26 March. There will also be a big gap from March until my next production in June/July due to holiday commitments.

Your Newsletter is only 20 pages for this edition as we have nothing else in hand to use. We would like to thank everyone who has sent in articles and to ask if members would dig deep in their collections and put together an article for us please. We understand that Christmas time is not when you would be thinking of GBFDC or the newsletter but if you can send something in for the April and June editions we will be very grateful.

So for now, happy collecting and see you in April.

*Phil Sheridan, Hon. Editor.*

# The Association of Great Britain First Day Cover Collectors Official Covers 2013

## GBFDC No.47 OFFICIAL COVER – Doctor Who Miniature Sheet - 26 March 2013

This is the second GBFDC official cover for 2013 and it will be a Limited Edition of 79. If you would like to collect forthcoming covers for this year then please contact Terry Barnett.

Doctor Who Miniature Sheet GBFDC official cover shown below for member information



## Date for your Diary

The 2013 AGM will be held in the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham on Sunday 6th October 2013.

## 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.

## E Nesbit First Day Covers

By Selwyn Goodacre

Readers will recall my interest in Children's literature – I have written in these columns on the 1979 Year of the Child issue of stamps, and also on the Enid Blyton issue of 1997.

E Nesbit is perhaps best known these days for her book *The Railway Children*, which has had several TV adaptations, as well as the famous film version, directed by Lionel Jeffries. Another of her books *The Phoenix and the Carpet* has also been adapted for TV on at least one occasion. E Nesbit's works have only appeared once on British Postage Stamps. This was for the 'Magical Worlds' issue on 21 July 1998. An illustration from *The Phoenix and the Carpet* was used for the 37p stamp (the others in the set were: 20p - *The Hobbit*; 26p – *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*; 43p – *The Borrowers*; 63p - *Through the Looking-Glass*).

As far as E Nesbit is concerned, there were four 'official' covers. Three were produced by Benham's. The first has a square picture of a lion (duplicating their C S Lewis Cover). The all important special cancellation includes a nice drawing of a phoenix, with the wording 'Magical Worlds, E Nesbit 1852-1924, Halstead, Kent, 21.7.98'

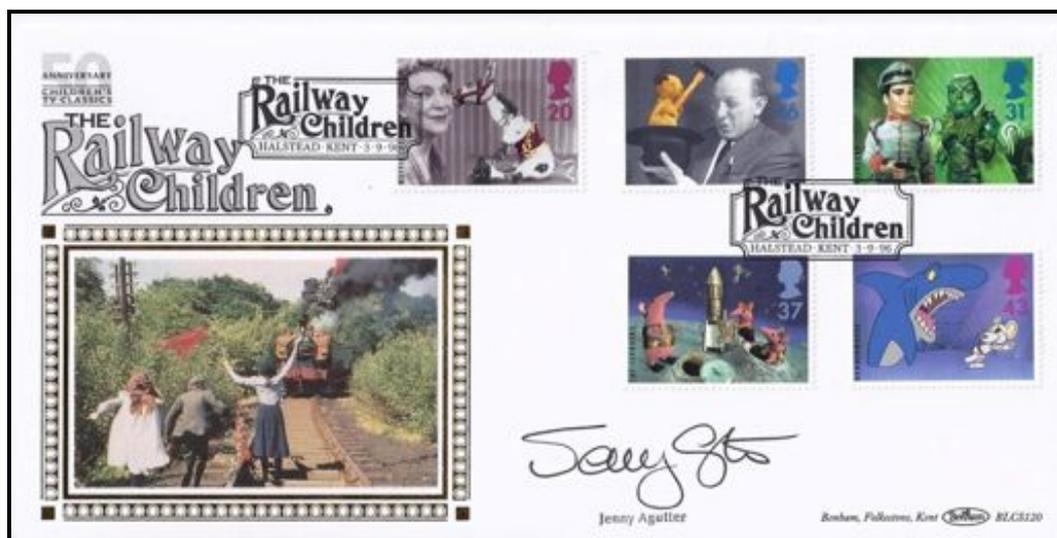
Benham's also issued a series of small covers, one for each of the stamps. The Nesbit cover, again with the 'Phoenix' cancellation, has a nice picture of the children meeting the Phoenix – from a painting by Simon Postgate.



Benham issued five 'Hand Painted Originals' covers –one for each of the stamps (numbered 'a' to 'e') each of them limited to 50 numbered examples. The covers do include all five of the stamps. The Nesbit cover ('d') has a picture by Amanda Skinner of Anthea and Jane with the Phoenix.

Benham produced a number of official covers for the Variety Club, each one of them showing a picture of a 'celebrity' (e.g. Ben Kingsley and Philip Schofield). All the covers have the Variety Club special cancellation. One of these official covers is relevant to E Nesbit as it features a still from the film of *The Railway Children* showing Jenny Agutter and Paula Wilcox. I think all examples were signed by Jenny Agutter (mine certainly is).

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There was another series of covers with hand painted pictures. Each is signed on the back (presumably by the artist) 'W E Kington, Haxby – York – 98' (?) (the signature is difficult to decipher).



Each one has the one stamp with relevant cancellation along with another stamp –four from the Year of the Child issue, and one from the Enid Blyton issue. The Nesbit cover has a delightful picture of the children on the carpet, with Phoenix watching.

The Cambridge Stamp Centre produced an official cover which has a black and white photograph of a poster for the film *The Railway Children*; the special cancellation has a silhouette picture of a railway engine, with the wording 'The Railway Children, Keighley, Yorkshire, 21<sup>st</sup> July 1998'

Although not featuring actual E Nesbit stamps, there was a related set of stamps issued on 3 September 1996 – to celebrate Children's Television over the years. The stamps featured Muffin the Mule (20p), Sooty (26p), Stingray (31p), The Clangers (37p), and Dangermouse (43p)

Benham (again!) produced an official cover featuring *The Railway Children*, the cover has another still from the film, showing the children waving down the train after the landslide. The cancellation reads 'The Railway Children, Halstead, Kent 3.9.96'. A number of the covers were again signed by Jenny Agutter, and some were signed by Bernard Cribbins (who played Mr Perks in the film).

20 of these covers (each one individually numbered) were issued in 1999 with a second cancellation on the current definitive orange first class stamp, the cancellation reads '15 April 99, Trains 1999, Stamp '99, Wembley, Middlesex'.

Famous Children's books of the past has been a major interest of mine for the past 40 years at least. I have only 'got into' related stamp issues rather more recently. I do not find many of my fellow book collectors are very interested in stamps (I know – difficult to believe). It's fine by me, it leaves the field a lot more open!

## Unusual type of FDC

I started collecting FDCs in 1998. In the beginning I was looking for covers which appeared (at least to me) to be unusual. So I bought a few philatelic numismatic covers in addition to normal FDCs. In August 1998 the British Philatelic Bulletin published in its 'Commemorative Covers' section [now sadly discontinued] the cover shown in Figure 1. It was advertised as 'The first ever telephone card cover featuring a fully usable £20 value telephone card and a complete set of Magical Worlds stamps. The telephone card is held in a sleeve on the cover and can be examined or used without damaging the product.[...] Limited edition of 1000.' I bought this cover at the time but I never used the phone card. The back of the card can be seen in Figure 2. I have been searching on the internet both for the stamp dealer offering this cover and the company offering the phone card but they do not have an internet presence, so I assume they both do not exist anymore. I then looked for further examples of this type of cover on the internet but could only find a few other examples. The resolution of the pictures of the internet is not always very good, but one features a telephone card of the New York Telephone Company, postmarked in New York City in [I believe] October 1992, the other a telephone card of the United Nations, Vienna, postmarked in Vienna. Both of these seem to have been produced for the German speaking market as the print on the cover is in German. There is also a cover produced in 1997 in British Guyana for Princess Diana, postmarked October 1997. Malaysia also issued a set of 4 FDCs with phone card in 2008. All of these covers feature telephone cards without a chip and probably without magnetic strip, too. For my example you have to use a free phone number with PIN, so this card was not meant to be inserted into a telephone card reader. The advantage of this type of card is that you can use it with any phone; any chip or magnetic strip cards would need a public payphone to work.

There are perhaps other examples and maybe there are collectors specialising in these particular covers. But fact is that such covers are not as common as philatelic numismatic covers. The reasons are clear - although precursors of phone cards can be traced back to the late 19th century, they did not appear as plastic cards until the 1980-ies (chip cards: West Germany in 1986 [none in East Germany!]; Italy in 1976 [but with magnetic strip instead of chip]; Ireland in 1990; UK in 1994/5; France in 1986; Switzerland 1996). Although telephone cards became collectible items soon after their first issue, stamp issuing authorities did not take readily to them for FDCs, even if telephone cards and stamps were issued by one and the same body, at least in some European countries. And with mobile phones becoming more and more common, it is only a question of time for telephone cards to disappear entirely, so the likelihood of more such combined FDCs being produced will become reduced as well. And the value of such covers? I looked on eBay for the cover illustrated. In the UK the minimum bid was £1.99, but in the US it was £19.99! Perhaps both values are not very realistic and our dealer members can give a more reasonable estimated value.



Elke Andresen





to the Editor P.O. Box 99, Widnes, Cheshire  
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*Dear Editor.....*

In response to Bill Norburn's question about the 1986 Royal Wedding Skandia Life FDC in last month's newsletter, I can confirm that this cover was printed by J & M Arlington and therefore is the Official Cover. Having purchased their stock some time ago, there were a few of these mixed in with non official covers that they produced for different organisations. Until I saw Bill Norburn's article I had assumed they had just used the Havering sponsored handstamp which looks similar. I can only find one remaining example which is in our Sajal Philatelics January FDC auction.

**Brian Reeve**

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*Dear Editor.....*

I read with interest the article about Team GB

Olympic Gold Medal Winner miniature sheet covers by Chris Sutcliffe. I would like to consider doing something similar for future stamp issues.

I am not sure exactly what happens when you reach the Post Office counter with you appropriately stamped envelope. How do you request a special CDS and what is the significance of Special Delivery?



**£20 Star Letter**

Perhaps Chris or another expert in this area could provide a step-by-step guide.

**David Dooley**

*David has asked for assistance from members who do service their own CDS covers. Can anyone write about how they go about it please? We will publish it in your newsletter.*

*One thing I can tell David is – it is not an easy process and it can prove to be very expensive. See article below.*

### [Post Offices refuse to accept Special Delivery London Underground FDCs](#)

Once again philatelists and first day cover producers have been frustrated by the inability of our Post Office to follow its own rules regarding Special Delivery mail.

Although the number of collectors of first day covers has been declining for some years, the die-hard collectors often go to extreme lengths and expense to produce something different for their collections. Some design their own first day covers and they, and others, often seek out appropriate post offices at which to get their covers postmarked on the day of issue with the office's counter datestamp (CDS).

This usually means paying more than the face value of the set, as normally only special delivery items (current minimum fee £5.90) are cancelled at the counter.

The London Underground stamp issue presented some perfect opportunities to get covers postmarked in this way. Relevant post offices included Boston Parade (London W7) - relevant to the 1st class Boston Manor stamp, Farringdon Road PO, relevant to the Metropolitan Line, and Canary Wharf PO, relevant to the £1.28 Canary Wharf stamp.

However, somebody in PO HQ has send an instruction of PO Branches which meant that yesterday some of those branches refused to accept first day covers for special delivery and cancellation with the branch's CDS.

One branch postmaster told one of our customer that he could accept other items with those stamps for special delivery and CDS postmarking, or could accept them on another day(!) but that any first day covers had to be sent to the special handstamp centre to get the official first day of issue postmark.

Attractive as it is, that isn't what the customers wanted. The customer called Post Office Helpline

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From the branch, but was unable to make the customer services assistant understand the nature of the problem.

As this is now the subject of ongoing discussions you can expect to see more here soon. But if anybody has had their FDCs rejected from the special delivery service, do not despair - please let me know by email ([ian@norphil.co.uk](mailto:ian@norphil.co.uk)) which branch is involved so that we can establish how widespread the problem is.

UPDATE 11 January: We are still in discussions with Post Office Ltd who seem to be accepting that a misunderstanding occurred, and I am confident that we will see a resolution.

Post Office Ltd has acknowledged that the covers were not dealt with as they should have been. This was due to an instruction (not seen by us) reminding postmasters of the correct procedure for FDCs and the correct date. The date of issue was 9th not as printed on the sheets, and PO/RM were anxious to avoid a repeat of the Olympic park situation where many people in the first few days had their Gold Medal FDCs handstamped at the counter, and handed back. PO Ltd made arrangements for collectors to return their first day covers to POHQ and they were then processed at Canary Wharf as special delivery, with the counter date stamp as originally required.

**The above article from Norvic Philatelics Blog with kind permission.**

**Ian Billings**

<http://www.norphil.co.uk>

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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

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Gallery Bay 23

Wed-Sat February 20<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 2013

## 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

1937	KG VI	½d, 1d, 2½d London	£15
1948	Games	Games Slogan	£20
1951	Festival	Festival Slogan May 4	£12
1957	Scouts	Jamboree Slogan	£8
1960	GLO	Lombard Street	£40
1961	CEPT	Torquay Slogan	£3
1963	FFH	F.F.H. Slogan	£20
1963	Nature	Brownsea Island	£60
1964	Shakespeare (Phos.)	London FDI	£10
1964	Geog. (Phos.)	Fareham CDS	£23
1964	Botanical (Phos.)	Fareham CDS	£30
1964	FRB (Phos.)	South Queensferry	£50
1965	Churchill	Bladon FDI	£16
1965	Parliament	Evesham FDI	£16
1965	Salvation Army	(Ord/Phos) on same cover Fareham CDS	£40
1965	Arts	London WC FDI	£14
1965	Battle of Britain	Waddington RAF P.O.	£70
1965	Post Office Tower	(Ord/Phos) on same cover Fareham CDS	£25
1965	I.U.T.	London WC FDI	£9
1965	I.U.T.	Block of 4 on 2 covers Fareham CDS	£20

**All Illustrated / No handwritten addresses**

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**Covers for Sale Please contact Rob Swettenham 0161 973 4657 or email [r.swettenham@sky.com](mailto:r.swettenham@sky.com)**

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18/09/03	Transports of Delight M/S Phil Sheridan Pollocks Official	£55
18/09/03	Transports of Delight Retail Booklet Pollocks Sheridan Official	£25
18/09/03	Transports of Delight Double (M/S + Stamps) Sheridan Official	£40
18/09/03	Transports of Delight Stamps Transports of Delight Stampex Autumn Exhibition SHS on Stampex Envelope	£12
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18/08/03	Transports of Delight Retail Booklet with Transports of Delight Stampex Autumn Exhibition SHS on Stampex Envelope	£12
07/10/03	British Museum David Macintyre Official	£40
07/06/05	Trooping the Colour Rotary Official	£15
19/07/05	Motorcycles Triumph Meter Mark on Phil Sheridan Official	£25
05/08/05	London 2012 British Olympic Assoc Meter Mark on Sheridan Off	£25
18/09/03	Transports of Delight Stamps Stampex SHS on Stampex envelope	£12
18/09/03	Transports of Delight M/S Stampex SHS on Stampex envelope	£12
18/09/03	Transports of Delight Retail Booklet Stampex SHS on Stampex env	£12

**Our sincere apologies to Mr Whalley for omitting his list of covers for sale in the December edition of the newsletter. We did send it to all members who receive the email version of the but we are including here as well.**

**Contact Details: Mr D. Whalley, 5 Lavernock Grove, Madeley, Crewe CW3 9NL  
Tel: 01782 750777. Postage £1**

17/04/01 Submarine Booklet. Full book on P.O. cover. Barrow-in-Furness S/H U.A.	£25
04/09/01 Punch & Judy Booklet with Cyl. No Full book on 4d Post cover. Covent Grdn Self-adhesives S/H U.A.	£10
22/10/01 Flags & Ensigns Booklet. Full book on 4d Post cover. Flags & Ensigns, Birmingham S/H	£10
21/05/02 World Cup Booklet. Full book with Cyl No on P.O.cover. Historic Wembley S/H, U.A.	£8
21/05/02 World Cup Booklet + single Lion stamp on P.O.cover. Football 2002, Liverpool S/H, U.A.	£10
29/04/03 E. Endeavours Full Booklet on P.O. cover. 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ascent on Everest 1953-2003 S/H U.A.	£7
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16.03.04 N.I Booklet with Cyl. No. Full Book. P.O. cover N.I. Squadron, Belfast S/H. U.A.	£7
15.06.04 Wales Booklet with Cyl. No. Full Book. P.O. cover. Ewloe Deeside Flintshire CDS U.A.	£20
29.01.02 Q. Victoria Booklet. Full Pane. 4d Post cover. East Cowes, Isle of Wight S/H. U.A.	£8
01.10.99 Rugby Union Booklet. Full Pane with Cyl. No. 4d cover. Rugby the Cup S/H. U.A.	£7
05.09.00 Stone & Soil Booklet all on 1 P.O. cover. (One pane of 8 x 1 <sup>st</sup> NVI) – (One pane 2 x Stone & Soil Com Stamps). Millennium Booklet S/H U.A.	£12
27.07.94 Bank of England Booklet Pane 4 x 1 <sup>st</sup> NVI Plus Label. P.O. cover. Britannia CDS U.A.	£15
12.11.80 Xmas Book 10 x 12p, 10 x 10p. Cyl B8B18. P.O. cover. George I Jacobite Rebellion Put down 12.11.1715 U.A.	£7
17.08.94 Boots 1 <sup>st</sup> NVI Label. Slogan Collect British Stamps. P.O. cover. U.A.	£4
03.02.98 Diana Full Set Plus 1.50 Caernarfon Castle Stamp. Great Brington CDS P.O. cvr. U.A.	£20

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**NEW YEAR SPECIAL OFFERS**

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*27/07/11 Olympics III Sheridan Liverpool Yacht Club official cover (50 produced)	£35
*27/07/12 Welcome to 2012 Olympics M/S Sheridan official cover (48 produced)	£20
*29/08/12 Welcome to 2012 Paralympics M/S Sheridan official cover (49 produced)	£20
*27/09/12 Memories of London 2012 M/S Sheridan official cover (48 produced)	£20
<b>* Full set of 6 Sheridan Olympic official covers – 20% Special Offer on all 6 - £132</b>	

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### Stamp Show 2010 official covers

* 06/05/10 KGV Accession M/S on KGV College official cover (56 produced)	£25
* 08/05/10 KGV Accession overprinted M/S on British Empire official cover (35 produced)	£40
* 08/05/10 KGV Festival of Stamps M/S (Seahorses) on British Empire official cover (53 produced)	£25
* 08/05/10 Machin Exhibition Sheet on British Empire official cover (38 produced)	£40
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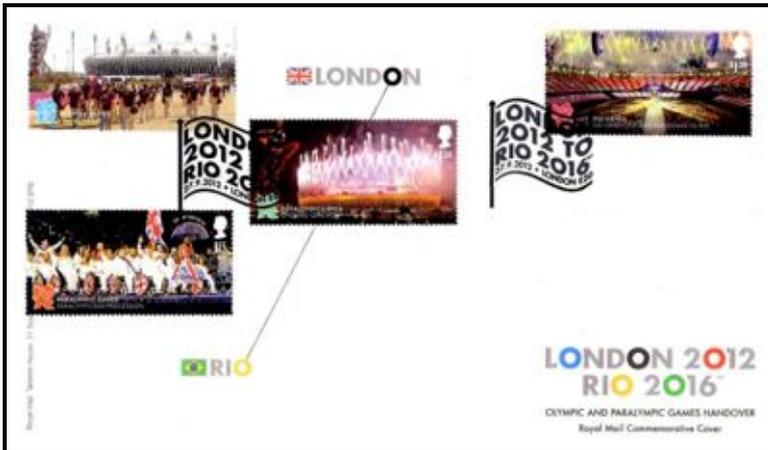
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23/10/74	5 x 3½p + label. Ex 35p Book. Illus. cover. National Postal Museum cancel	£20

**Unusual Covers**



The two covers shown here were sent in by Sam Downes. The London Memories 2012 miniature sheet included a London to Rio Handover stamp (£1.28 value), which was issued by Royal Mail on a special London to Rio Handover Commemorative cover as a single stamp cover. Sam obtained some of these covers and added the remaining three stamps from the sheet and sent for the special handover postmark. This postmark was available on the issue date,

27/09/12. Unless other keen eyed members noticed this and did the same as Sam then I doubt that there will be many of these covers carrying the full four stamps.

The second cover Sam sent in is a Royal Mail Bromsgrove cover issued for the Opening of the new



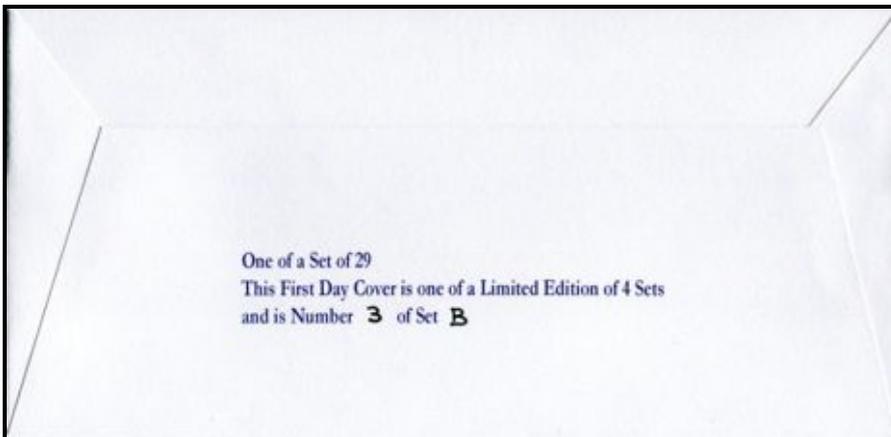
delivery office on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1996. It was obviously obtained early because some enterprising person managed to use it for the 1996 Christmas stamps and obtained the Bromsgrove (rubber) CDS cancel. What the ribbon is for Sam doesn't say.

## Original Olympic Gold Medal Winners Covers

One of our members produced his own covers for the Olympic Gold Medal Winners stamps and he says "I had them printed by a local printer on a size of paper I believe is known as SRA3, two to a sheet. This size is slightly bigger than A3 (320mm by 450mm) to allow for the sheets to be guillotined down to A3 after printing. I did not have them guillotined, and the extra size enabled me to create standard size envelopes. I did a couple of sets."



We think he did a great job as the Olympic Rings on Tower Bridge make his cover unique. Most collectors will have a set of Royal Mail Winners covers but no-one will have a full set on these covers. Super effort!



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## Mystery Solved.



Thank you to everyone who contacted me to let me know the signature on the cover opposite is that of Charlton Heston. I have put a note inside the cover to this effect so anyone else who may acquire it further down the line will know who the two signatories are.

**Dot R.**

## Life Care and Housing Trust, Leamington Spa SHS

I found the cover below 'lurking' inside one of my albums and, as you do, had forgotten I had it and also forgotten what it was all about. I decided to contact our expert on Year of the Child covers, Selwyn Goodacre, and he very kindly sent me the information below (Ed.)

(Note: I read somewhere that this cancellation only appears on official covers, but this is obviously wrong!)

Official cover - No. 1065. Stamps in a line

Official cover - signed by President (black ink) - No. 446 – stamps in a line, with blue logo

Official cover - signed by President (blue ink) - plain gutter pairs Nos. 67 and 68, with blue logos; another set of plain gutter pairs signed by President (blue ink) Nos. 379 and 380.

Post Office cover

As regards my note on official covers, I think I got this from an early Bradbury catalogue, where he suggests 'ordinary covers' do not exist – but I see in his most recent catalogue, he now values the ordinary cover at £35, and the official cover at £30 – it must be unusual to have an official worth less than an 'ordinary'.

The system of numbering of these covers I have not yet fathomed. You would think that gutter pairs would be grouped together with numbers close to each other, but this would appear to be not so. Peter Barrett in his 'Steven Scott' catalogue reckons there were 1000 in the issue – but then I have one numbered 1065.

I love weird anomalies like these.



## ROYAL MAIL SOUVENIR COVERS

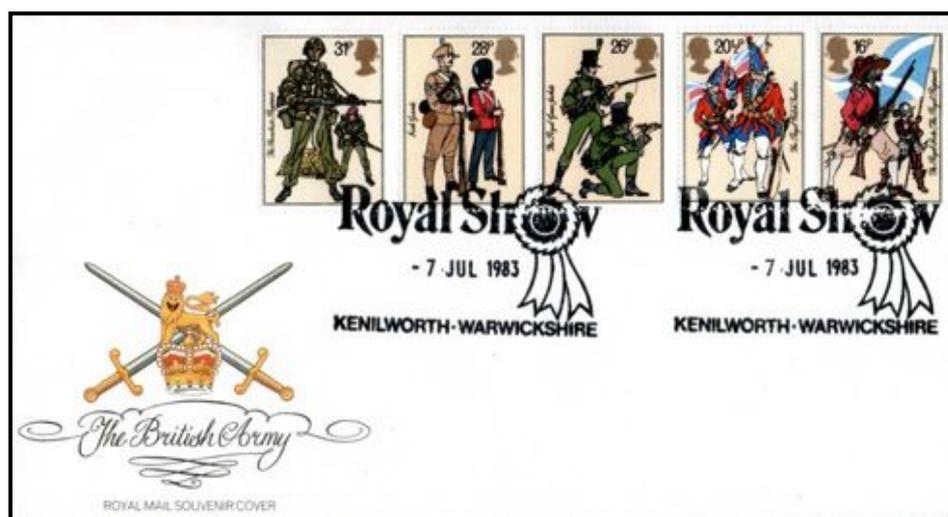
### By Arthur Roberts

All collectors are familiar with the covers issued by Royal Mail for new stamp issues worded 'First Day Cover'. Those worded 'Royal Mail Souvenir Cover' issued between 1972 and 1992 appear lesser well known. In 1972 tourists in London seeking to buy new stamp issues were well catered for at the Philatelic Counters within the Branch Post Offices at Trafalgar Square and King Edward Street and from 14 August of that year those offices were issued with Special Handstamps featuring 'Nelson's Column' and 'St. Paul's Cathedral' respectively. It was for those tourists wanting a set of new stamps cancelled on the day of purchase, after the first date of issue, that Royal Mail printed covers with the same illustration as the FDC but worded 'Royal Mail Souvenir Cover'. The Souvenir Covers were first placed on sale at those two offices from 19 October 1972, the day after the issue date of the Christmas stamps (fig. 1).



Souvenir Covers continued to be printed for most subsequent commemorative stamp issues and for a few definitive stamp issues. In the late 1970s and early 1980s they are recorded used on the stamp issue date. The covers were sold at Philatelic Counters nationwide from 1981 for posting any day, primarily for collectors to obtain the philatelic handstamp of that office of sale, which were first made available in that

year. I believe that it was mid 1983 when Philatelic Counters were instructed not to sell Souvenir Covers until the day after the stamp date of issue. Collectors who then wanted to record the first date of issue of the Souvenir Cover soon realised that a full set of stamps affixed were best postmarked



with a Special Handstamp more appropriate than the town philatelic handstamp, where one was available for that date (fig.2).

From August 1983 some issues of Souvenir Covers are also known with a set of stamps postmarked with a Special handstamp dated, in error, one day earlier than the Souvenir cover issue date.

Blank white card was used as a filler in the early issues of covers from October 1972. For the 13 August 1975 'Railways' stamp Souvenir cover and all subsequent

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