

# FIRST DAY COVERAGE

The Newsletter of the Association of G.B. First Day Cover Collectors

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## From the Editor's Desk



**Welcome** to the June edition of First Day Coverage. We have gone Botanical Congress crazy inside this edition. As it happens, we received all the articles at once. Pure coincidence, but entirely in step with the arriving

summer months. We hope your gardens, patios and pots are blooming nicely. I know mine are. By July and August they will be a welcome blaze of colour to sit out amongst in the sun (we hope!!!)

**Philately-wise**, this year is very exciting. First we have the first in five issues (2014, 15, 16, 17 & 18) to commemorate The Great War on the 28th July (my birthday no less!). It is an issue much anticipated by collectors and we have an excellent Club First Day Cover for you on page 3. We are very honoured to be able to feature the Not Forgotten Association.

**The NFA** was founded just after the First World War and is a unique national tri-service charity which provides entertainment, leisure and recreation for the serving wounded, injured or sick and for ex-service men and women with disabilities. The cover image is shown on page 3.

**NFA History** - In 1919, a year after the Armistice which ended the

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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 2014*

*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.**

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## Important Notice

**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST 2014 EDITION**  
Items for publication **MUST** be with the editor by  
**7th July 2014**

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

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

carnage of the Great War, a lady was visiting a local Ministry of Pensions Hospital. She asked the matron if, by chance, she still had any wounded servicemen under treatment. 'Six hundred' came the bleak reply. The lady, **Miss Marta Cunningham**, a famous singer, was horrified and soon discovered that in fact there were many thousands of badly wounded men lying in hospitals up and down the country, bored, lonely and in pain. On 12<sup>th</sup> August 1920 Miss Cunningham established The "NOT FORGOTTEN" Association with the object of providing entertainment and recreation for the hopelessly war disabled to alleviate the tedium of their lives and give them something to which they could look forward. By 1927 some 85,000 people had been entertained outside the hospitals. In 1926 the Association officially defined its task as being 'to provide comfort, cheer and entertainment for the wounded ex-servicemen still in hospital as a result of the Great War'. As the years went on the Association has adapted to meet changing needs and extended its activities to include those wounded in more recent conflicts. We continue to provide support to approximately 12,000 men and women each year.

**A little** closer to home is the excitement that this year sees the 20th anniversary of GBFDC. We are proposing a First Day Cover to commemorate this event. Full details are on the bottom of page 3. The actual cover design and application form will appear in the

August newsletter. However, if you don't wish to miss out on this cover, please register your interest by the 15th July. We are sorry we can't extend this deadline due to the application form having to go into the August newsletter. We also need to know how many members will want one so we can place our order for the correct amount of stamps in good time. We expect there to be great interest in this cover so it is important that you let Phil and Dot know as early as possible if you would like one.

**Your** Association is looking for someone to take on the roll of Publicity Officer to help promote the club and its activities. Please contact Richard Park for more information. Details are on the bottom on page 7.

**As** usual we are pleading for material for forthcoming newsletters. We are sure many of you have thematic collections, perhaps running alongside your main collection, or maybe you just collect thematic covers alone. Either way your covers will have a story to tell. Please sent in anything at all that you feel will be interesting for us to publish. You may not think it is interesting but send it into us just the same and we will let you know. It is surprising how informative you article can be to others.

**That's it from us until the August edition. Happy collecting.**

*Phil Sheridan*

**Hon. Editor**

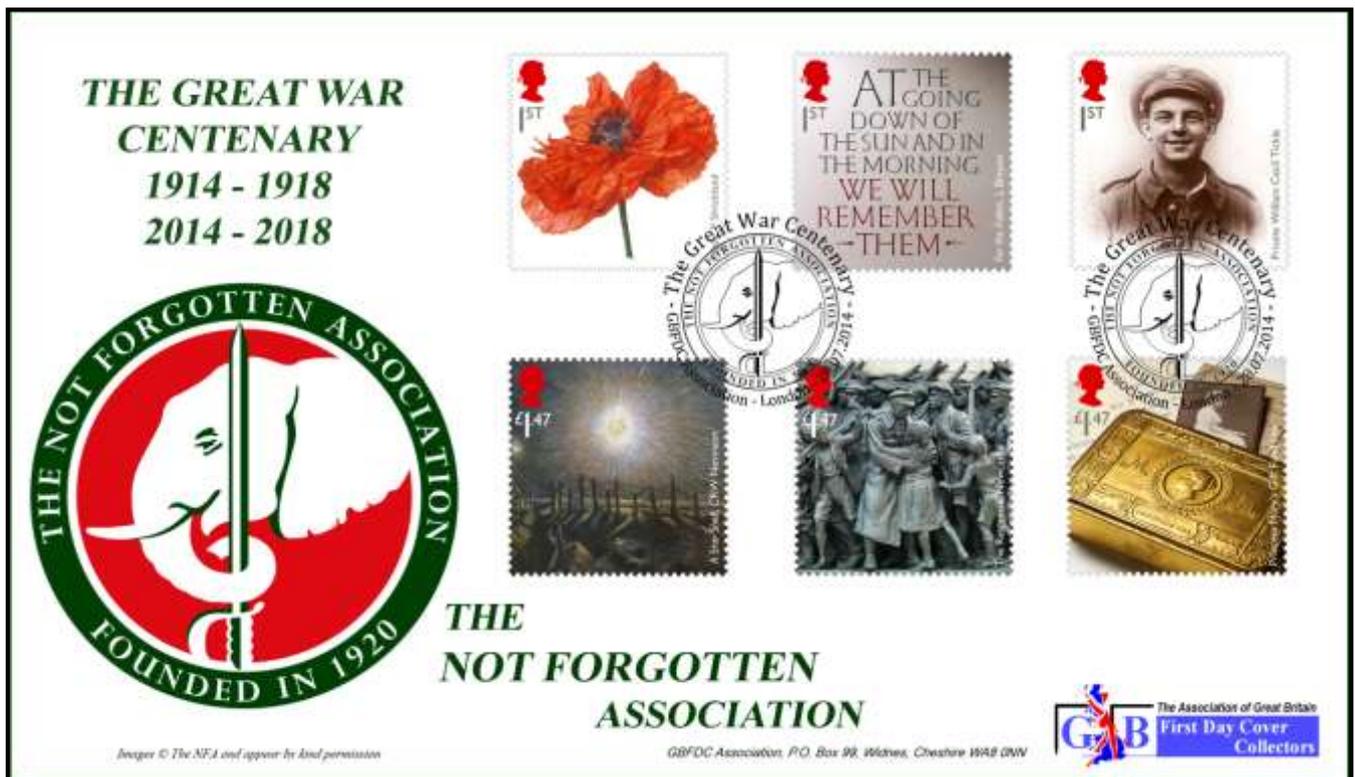
# The Association of Great Britain First Day Cover Collectors Official Covers 2014

## GBFDC No.51 OFFICIAL COVER – The Great War 28 July 2014

This is the second GBFDC official cover for 2014 and it will be a Limited Edition of 76. If you would like to collect forthcoming covers for this year then please contact Terry Barnett.

The Great War single set of 6 stamps GBFDC official cover featuring The Not Forgotten Association ( [www.nfassociation.org](http://www.nfassociation.org) ) See Editorial.

Cover shown here for member information



## **GBFDC Association 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary First Day Cover 2014**

This year sees the 20th anniversary of the inception of GBFDC. It was started by the late Derek Williams in October 1994. We are proposing to produce a First Day Cover commemorating our 20th Anniversary on 14th October for the Prime Ministers Stamp issue. The cover will cost £15 (inc.p/p). However, to help with numbers required, we need to know how many members would be interested in purchasing a cover. In the first instance please contact Phil Sheridan on 07975 858 815 / 07957 382 090, or email [sheridanfdcs@aol.com](mailto:sheridanfdcs@aol.com) to register your interest. We need to know by the 15th July 2014 how many members are interested then we will publish an application form in the August newsletter so you can send your payment to Terry Barnett. The cover image will also be in the August edition. Please note, after 15th July we will not be able to guarantee you a First Day Cover should you decide you want one at a later date.

**Phil Sheridan**  
**Hon. Editor**

# KAYcovers

Does anyone have any information on KAYcovers? They appear to have been produced in small numbers in 1963-1964 with relatively simple wood-block-type printed illustrations.

The covers appear to start with KAYcover 1 for the 1963 Red Cross Centenary (first day of issue 15 August 1963), with a simple design of a kneeling nurse in red, with blue lettering (Figure 1).



Fig.1

KAYcover 2 appears to be a generic cover, with an oval of leaves in blue enclosing 'FIRST DAY COVER' in gold. The cover illustrated in Figure 2 shows its use with the 1964 International Botanical Congress stamps, although KAYcover 9 was produced specifically for the 1964 International Botanical Congress (see below). KAYcover 2 has also been seen with the 1963 COMPAC Commonwealth cable stamp.

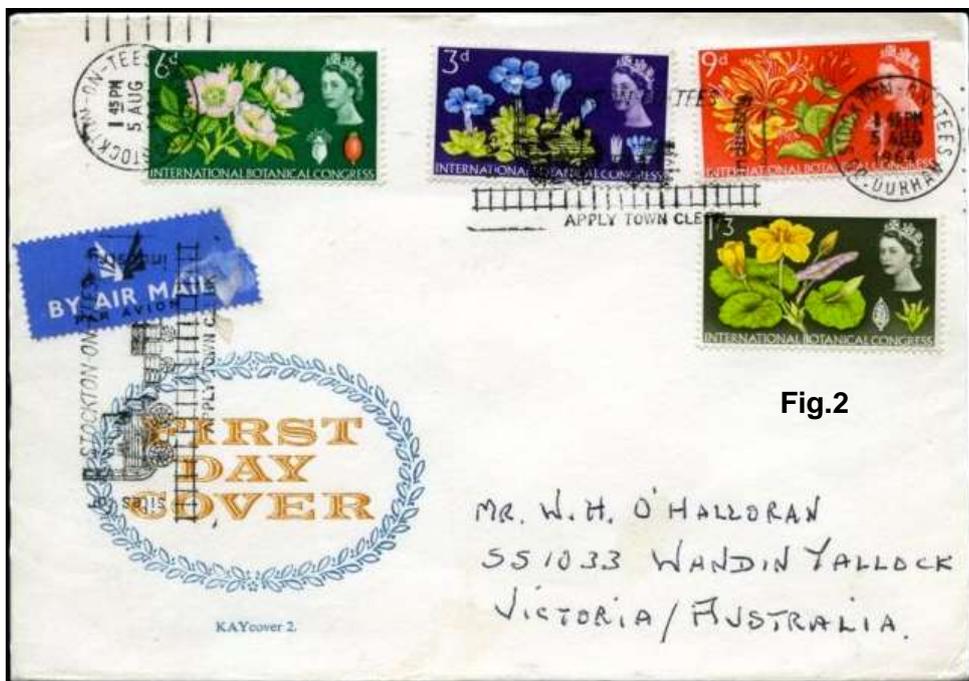


Fig.2

We have gleaned from others that KAYcover 4 was used with the stamps from the 1964 Holiday booklet (FDI 1 July 1964), and bears an illustration of the sun, in yellow, with a benign/smiling 'face' with eyes, nose and mouth. It is known with postmarks of relevant holiday destinations, such as Bournemouth, Rye, Salisbury, Stratford-upon-Avon and Winchester.

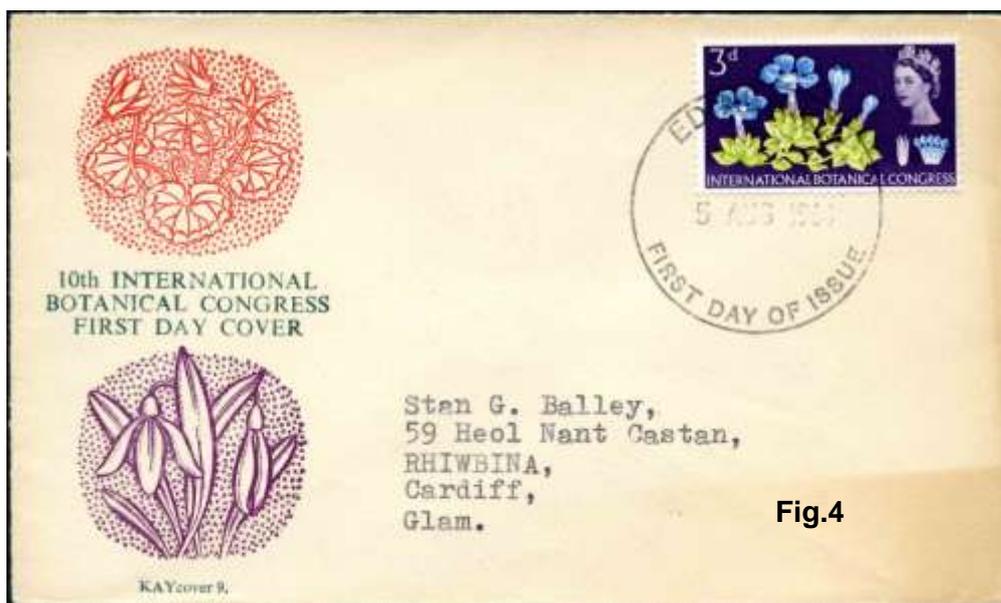
KAYcover 5 was for the 1963 COMPAC issue (FDI 3 December 1963) and is illustrated in Figure 3 with a scan of a photocopy. The main lettering is in black over a stylised globe similar to that on the stamp. The globe and the KAYcover 5 lettering at the bottom are in a slightly paler shade of blue than that of the stamp.

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We understand that KAYcover 7 was for the 1964 Forth Road Bridge issue (FDI 4 September 1964), but do not have any further information.

KAYcover 9 was for the 1964 International Botanical Congress issue (FDI 5 August 1964) and has simple images of cyclamen, at the top in red, and snowdrops, at the bottom in purple, sandwiching the green lettering (Figure 4). The KAYcover 9 lettering at the bottom is in the same shade of green.



We have no information on any KAYcovers numbered higher than 9, nor on KAYcover numbers 3, 6 or 8. If KAYcovers were produced for all commemorative issues between the Red Cross Centenary and the International Botanical Congress issues, two of the 'missing' numbers should be for the Shakespeare (FDI 23 April 1964) and the International Geographical Congress (FDI 1 July 1964) issues. However, the possible identity of the third 'missing' number isn't obvious; there don't appear to be any other new issues during this period. It is also apparent from the KAYcovers we have identified that the numbers aren't in the order that the stamps were issued!

We would be very interested in any information, ideally including images, of other KAYcovers and details of when, where and how many were produced.

**John Gray (jcg2@cam.ac.uk)**

**Paul Howard**

# The strange case of the 141<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Lewis Carroll

By Selwyn Goodacre

This very strange 'official' FDC for the Christmas stamps 28 November 1973 was issued by the 'Cheshire History Series Dept.', Runcorn, Cheshire, where an inserted card says 'This is the third special commemorative First Day Cover to be issued in a collection of 24 to be published at various dates to commemorate famous historic events in the 2000 years of History of Cheshire. No. 1 commemorated Chester founded by the 20<sup>th</sup> Roman Legion. No. 2 The Seige of Halton Castle.'

Strange fact No. 1 - A trawl through the Bradbury, Booth and Steven Scott catalogues reveals no trace of the first two commemorative FDCs, nor indeed of 21 to follow.

Strange fact No. 2 – 28 November is not the date of Lewis Carroll's birth. He was born on 27 January 1832 – i.e. 141 years before – so at least that is correct.

Strange fact No. 3 – there would appear to be no reason whatsoever to commemorate a 141<sup>st</sup> anniversary. The number has no significance for Lewis Carroll.

Strange fact No. 4 – as you will see, the cover is small. There is just (only just) space for all six of the stamps, though any example with all six stamps would leave little room for any address, and the cancellation, being obscured by the stamps might be tricky to read.

Strange fact No. 5 – in fact no-one has ever seen an example with all six stamps. Peter Barrett in the *Steven Scott Catalogue* lists such a cover, but admits 'but not yet seen by editor'. You usually find examples of the issue listed as six covers, each with one stamp. Some dealers are now saying that covers with all six stamps were never issued. I think this is very possibly correct – though I would love to be proved wrong.

However – examples are known with the two last stamps in the series on the one cover – see illustration 1. This is my own copy, and is the only example I have ever heard of – or seen.



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The cancellation was also used on commercial covers. I have only ever seen a Post Office cover with the cancellation (see illustration 2, below), which leads us to:  
Strange fact No. 6 – the ‘ordinary’ cover is valued by Adrian Bradbury at £250, the set of 6 ‘official’ covers at £90. This reversal of the usual story is highly unusual. I am not knowledgeable enough to know if ordinary covers being far more valuable than official covers is at all common? It must be pretty unusual.

As the Gryphon said in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* – “It’s all about as curious as it can be.”



## PUBLICITY OFFICER REQUIRED

Dear Members,

We are looking for someone to help promote the club & it's activities nationally by various means. This would be a voluntary position, and does not necessarily mean the applicant would have to become a member of the GBFDC committee.

Reasonable out of pocket expensive would be reimbursed, for expenses incurred whilst carrying out duties for GBFDC.

Any members interested, Please contact Richard Park **01403 241825** or email **rjpark@btinternet.com**

**Richard Park, Chairman.**

## **GBFDC Minutes of the Committee Meeting held by conference call on Sunday 11th May 2014 commencing at 7pm.**

1. Members present. Richard Park in the Chair, David Cohen, Dot Radley, Phil Sheridan, Ian Balcombe.
2. Members absent/apologies. Not applicable.
3. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the 23rd September 2013 had been circulated. They were proposed Richard Park and seconded by David Cohen were accepted as a true and proper record.
4. Matters arising. Richard advised that John Chidgey required a period of absence and had stepped down from the committee.  
Terry Barnett is not on the committee and he is quite happy to continue to distribute the newsletter and send out Association covers.
5. Chairman's Report. Whilst we are gaining members, there is a net loss of members. It was agreed that flyers would be printed with colour one side. This could be distributed by dealers. Dot Radley and Phil Sheridan will draw up a draft. It could also go on the website with a weblink. A prize draw for new subscribing members was also considered.
6. Website. Monitoring system has been set up this identifies who is logging on and protects against those who may try to hack in to the website. This will be extended to automatically block certain countries who are prevalent in trying to hack in to the website. The Treasurer would act as a secondary administrator.
7. Treasurer's Report. Official Cover Sales had produced £3000. Subscriptions received was in the sum of £2900, which is slightly down on last year. Fee income for tables at the AGM had increased and the sum of £1255 had been produced in respect of sales of AGM Covers. We are generally consuming postage slower due to lower number of postal members and generally costs are under control. The accounts were stable and are expected to be in surplus. Free membership would be offered for the Star Letter in the newsletter rather than cash prize. 53 membership subscriptions had been paid by Paypal. Subscription letters would be sent out with the August newsletter and reminders with the October newsletter.
8. Newsletter Report. Phil and Dot expressed their thanks to those who contributed articles to the newsletter and as always welcome contributions to future editions.
9. Cover Report. Future Association covers as well as the AGM cover were discussed. There will also be cover for the Association's 20th Anniversary cover and this would be publicised in the June newsletter.
10. Advertising Report. Flyers were discussed as above. Richard to look at possible marketing of the Association.
11. Membership. Currently stand at 239 there had been 10 new members so far this year.
12. AGM. This will be taking place on the 26th October 2014. Next year's AGM will take place on the 18th October 2015.
13. Any other business. None
14. Date of next meeting – Saturday before the AGM at 5pm.

Conference call finished at 8.40pm.

## 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 Rd. NOTTM NG8 1FQ**

### SLOGAN LISTING SALE - ALL AT £5 each.

1989	Food and Farming	- Hooked on Herefordshire.
"	Anniversaries	- Derbyshire County Council.
"	Industrial Archaeology	- Institute of Marine Engineers
"	Microscopes	- Army Blood Supply.
"	Christmas	- Take a Break in Beautiful Bath
1990	Queens Award	- Stamp World London '90
"	Kew Gardens	- Friends of Children's Hospital
"	Thomas Hardy	- Write now, say it better in a letter.
"	Queen Mother	- Alder Hey 75 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Appeal
"	Gallantry	- RAF Finningley Air Show
"	Christmas	- Stampway To World Exhibition
1991	Dogs	- Pawprints Appeal
"	Scientific Discoveries	- Philips 100 years ahead.
"	Sport	- Birmingham Welcomes Olympic Committee
"	Roses	- Don't Miss The Mansfield Show
"	Maps	- Help Build The Yellow Brick Road
1992	Happy And Glorious	- Royal School For Deaf Children
"	Civil War	- Hull '92 Festival
"	Single Market	- Birmingham (Ring Of Stars)
"	Christmas	- Leeds Light Up '92
1993	Roman Britain	- Meet Postman Pat
"	Autumn	- £1's Paid For Stamp Collections
"	Christmas	- Safeway Now Open
1994	Pictorial Postcards	- Visit The Isle Of Skye
"	Summertime	- Tropical Places, Exotic Holidays
"	Medical Discoveries	- Zeneca 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversaries
"	Christmas	- Tropical Places, Exotic Holidays

### POSTAGE DONATION APPRECIATED

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**Contact details: Jon Cox – [joncox999@btinternet.com](mailto:joncox999@btinternet.com) Tel: 0121 352 1621 P&P £1 any quantity.**

1966	Hastings	FDI London on Bayer Products cover (4d only)	£3
1968	British Anniv	FDI Hendon special handstamp on PO cover (neat h/w – 2 lines)	£40
1969	Cathedrals	Philatex St Pauls on PO cover (unaddressed good cond for long cover)	£9
1969	PrinceWales	FDI Chester on Earl of Chester cover (cat £25)	£9
1970	Philympia	First Flight, Bembridge on BNI official cover (5d only)	£12
1970	Philympia	First Flight, Calne (5d only) on BNI official cover (5d only)	£12
1972	Churches	Royal Eng Military Aeronautics on Royal Eng No3 cover (3p only)	£14
1973	Wedding	Westminster Abbey on Copecrest Woven card	£12
1973	Christmas	Bethlehem on difficult (?) Cotswold cover	£8

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1974	Fire	FDI Belfast on Northern Ireland Fire Brigade postcard (3½p only)	£7
1975	Turner	FDI London on John Pinches Medallion cover in folder	£17
1975	Sailing	Royal Thames Yacht Club on RTY official	£30
1975	Railways	FDI Brighton on Bluebell Railway cover	£16
1976	Reformers	FDI Norwich (Elizabeth Fry) on PO cover	£9
1977	Silver Jub 9p	Nuneaton Borough Council on NBC official	£15
1978	Coronation	Temple of Jerusalem on Grand Priory official	£95
1979	Year of Child	Palitoy Diamond Jubilee (not easy) on PO cover	£9
1979	Rowland Hill	Set of 4 Colorano Silk single stamp covers	£2
1980	Famous P	Knutsford, Mrs Gaskells Cranford slogan on PO cover	£18
1980	Famous P	FDI Llandudno on Llechwedd Slate Caverns cover plus LSC Railway stamps Posted Underground cancel (12p only)	£8
1980	Conductors	Fairfield, Croydon on official cover	£10
1981	Folklore	FDI London special handstamp on Bill Tidy cartoon cover	£20
1981	Butterflies	FDI London special handstamp on Bill Tidy cartoon cover	£20
1981	Nat Trust	FDI Isle of Wight on Arreton Manor IOW cover	£25
1983	Engineering	Radio Lollipop, Children's Hospital, Rotary Club, Chippenham	£14
2007	Endangered S	GBFDC Association AGM2007 official	£175

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**Covers for Sale. Please contact Terry Barnett 01514862610 or email [terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk)  
Please ask for scans if required.**

	1940 Centenary with a Red Cross London cancel . Cover has a small mark on the front - printed add.	£4
	1963 Paris ord. with a London fdi . Typed add.	£1
	1964 Botanical ord. with a Portsmouth cds Unadd	£1
	1965 700 <sup>th</sup> Parliament with a London Bureau fdi Typed add	£1
	1965 Lister PHOS with a London fdi Typed add.	£2
	1965 ITU PHOS with a London fdi Unadd.	£2
	1965 Sal. Army ord with a Lowestoft cds	£1
	1966 Churchill PHOS with a Bladon fdi	£3
	1966 Landscapes PHOS with a Liverpool fdi Unadd	£1
	1966 W. Cup PHOS with a Liverpool fdi. Neat h/w add.	£1
	1966 W. Cup PHOS with a London fdi typed add.	£1
	1966 Technology PHOS with a London fdi Unadd	£1
	1967 Christmas double dated with a Bournemouth fdi Typed add	£1
	1967 Flowers PHOS with a Bromley fdi Label remainder	£1
	1976 Am. Bicent. with a BFPS1776 cancel on the Forces off. Unadd	£2
	1976 Roses on the Bath official Unadd	£4
	1980 Birds on the RSPB off. Typed add	£2
	1980 Railways on the Dawn off. Unadd	£4
	1980 Railways on the Kellogs official Typed add	£3
	1981 R Wedding on the City of Exeter off.	£2
	1981 R Wedding on the Lever official Unadd.	£4
	1981 R Wedding on the BOCS(2)6 official	£1
	1984 Heraldry with a House of Lords cds Unadd.	£2
	1984 Heraldry on the Martins official Typed label add.	£6
	1984 U. Renewal with a Durham cds Typed add.	£2
	1985 A. Legends on the BLCS6 official	£1
	1986 Industry with a House of Lords cds Unadd.	£2
	1986 Q. Birthday on the Fine Art office	£1
	990 Q Awards on the BLCS52 official	£1
1	993 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art on the covercraft official	£2
	1998 P Diana on the Mail on Sunday off.	£1

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1999 R Wedding on the Bradbury official	£1
1999 R Wedding on the Westminster official	£1
1999 Millennium Timekeepers on the Bradbury off.	£2
2000 Q Mother on the Westminster off.	£1
2000 Life/Earth on the 4d Post with a Ballymena N Ireland cancel	£1
2000 Life/Earth on the 4d Post with a Kew Gardens cancel	£1
2000 Life/Earth on the 4d Post with a London NW1 cancel	£1
2000 Art/Craft on the 4d Post with a Salford cancel	£1
2000 Mind/Matter on the 4d Post cover with a Birmingham cancel	£1
2002 W Cup on the Covercraft official	£2
2002 G Jubilee on the Westminster off.	£2

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**Contact Details: Dot Radley, Tel: 07957 382 090. E-mail: [salwals@aol.com](mailto:salwals@aol.com)**

**Postage £1**

**4d Post covers without meter marks but full set of stamps**

12/03/96 Wildfowl & Wetlands Team Work 96 Postcode Event, Harrow SHS (rare H/S) tiny typed add. label	£8
16/04/96 Cinema BFPO Dambusters SHS (rare H/S) tiny typed add. label	£8
16/04/96 Cinema 1746 Battle of Culloden 1996 SHS (rare H/S) tiny typed add. label	£8
14/05/96 Football Liverpool (large oblong goal) SHS (rare H/S) doubled with 25p stamp of the set cancelled 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary England Euro Winners, Wembley 30.7.96 tiny typed add. label	£8
03/02/98 Diana Kensington Palace Gardens (rose) SHS UA	£6
03/02/98 Diana Althorp, Northamptonshire (Building) SHS UA	£6
07/03/00 Water & Coast Isle of Parbay (Otter) SHS (rare S/H) U/A	£8
05/09/00 Mind & Matter The Freedom of Flight, Bristol (Butterfly) SHS U/A	£6

12/04/94 Postcards Stuart fdc Blackpool (clown) SHS	£1.99
06/11/01 RM fdc full set Robins self adhesive stamps plus full set of 1995 Robin PVA Stamps on same cover, cancelled with Robins Land (Robin) SHS (rare)	£7

**OFFICIAL COVERS**

01/06/99 Entertainers Ashford Stamp Shop official Toy & Model Shop, Margate	£25
03/08/99 Scientists' Tale 'Raging Tempest' official Jodrell Bank official H/S (No.86 of 250)	£20
05/12/00 John Taylor Bellfounders, Loughborough official	£20
07/11/00 Spirit & Faith The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick official	£25
10/11/92 Christmas All Saints, Porthcawl official (CoverCraft)	£25
15/11/88 Christmas York Minster Commemoration official (CoverCraft)	£25
12/03/85 Insects Stamp Bug Club, High Wycombe (corners wee bit rounded) typed add.	£15
21/03/79 Flowers Rural Blisworth official (corners wee bit rounded) T/A Label	£15
16/06/82 Maritime Lloyd's Register of Shipping official	£20

**METER MARK COVERS**

21/01/97 Great Tudor 4d Post fdc with Royal Sovereign M/M & Hampton Court Palace SHS (Rare M/M for the issue only 5 exist)	£12
02/03/99 Patients 4d Post fdc Royal College of Midwives M/M & World's First Test Tube Baby, Oldham (RCM Crest printed on the back of the cover - rare)	£8
02/11/99 Christians RM fdc 4C Charity Christmas Cards M/M & Trafalgar Sq (Xmas tree) SHS	£5
04/04/00 Life & Earth 4d Post fdc Greenpeace M/M (pink) & Birmingham SHS	£5
24/09/02 Astronomy 4d Post fdc with block 4 stamps from M/S PEGASUS M/M & London H/S	£6
04/03/03 Hello Retail Booklet (Cyl No's) 4d Post fdc HELLO! M/M & Waverton SHS Full booklet with backing card on cover (nice H/S's)	£8
18/09/03 Trans. Of Del. 4d Post fdc British Kite Mark – Marking 100 Years M/M & Toy & Hobby Assoc. SHS	£6
16/03/04 Stuart 'Giant's Causeway fdc Northern Ireland Tourist Board M/M & Bushmills <b>CDS</b>	£8
13/04/04 Ocean Liners Retail Booklet RM fdc Blue Funnel Cruises M/M full booklet with backing card on cover cancelled with Southampton CDS.	£8
25/05/04 RHS Cotswold fdc with Eden Project M/M & St. Austell, Cornwall <b>CDS</b>	£8
25/05/04 RHS Stuart fdc with Covent Garden Market M/M & Covent Garden <b>CDS</b>	£8

### **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

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### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Whilst we are happy to receive lists of covers for the MCS written in long hand for members who do not have a computer (or access to email), we would ask those member who do have a computer and (or) access to email to take the trouble to type out their lists in a Word Doc. or directly in to an email and email it to us. This will save us a lot of work and time in transferring the list to computer and trying to decipher hand writing. If you submit a list in long hand and we know you have a computer and email then we are sorry but we can't guarantee to put your list in the newsletter. We hope you will understand. We are trying to make things a little easier for Phil & Dot due to their ongoing health problems

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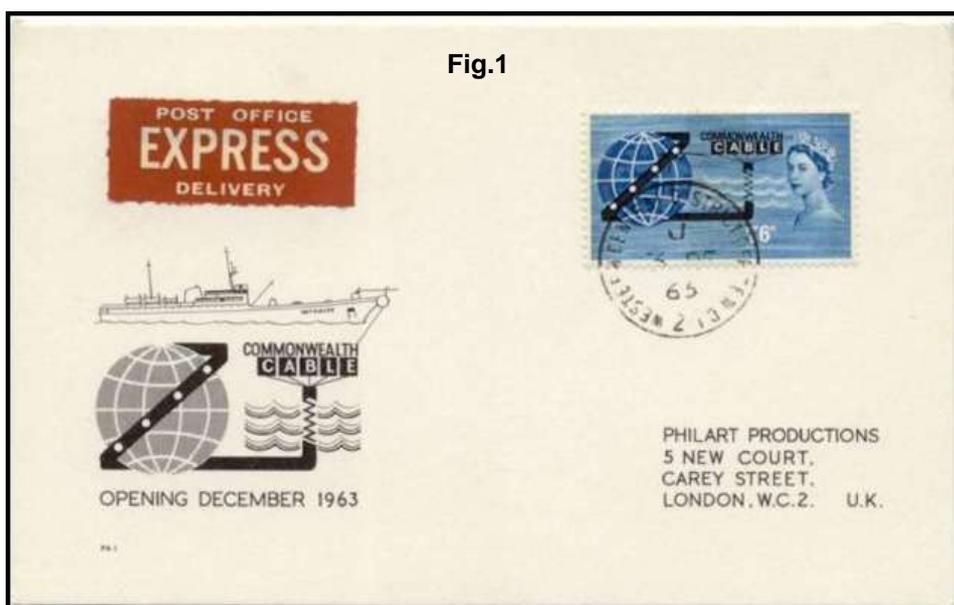
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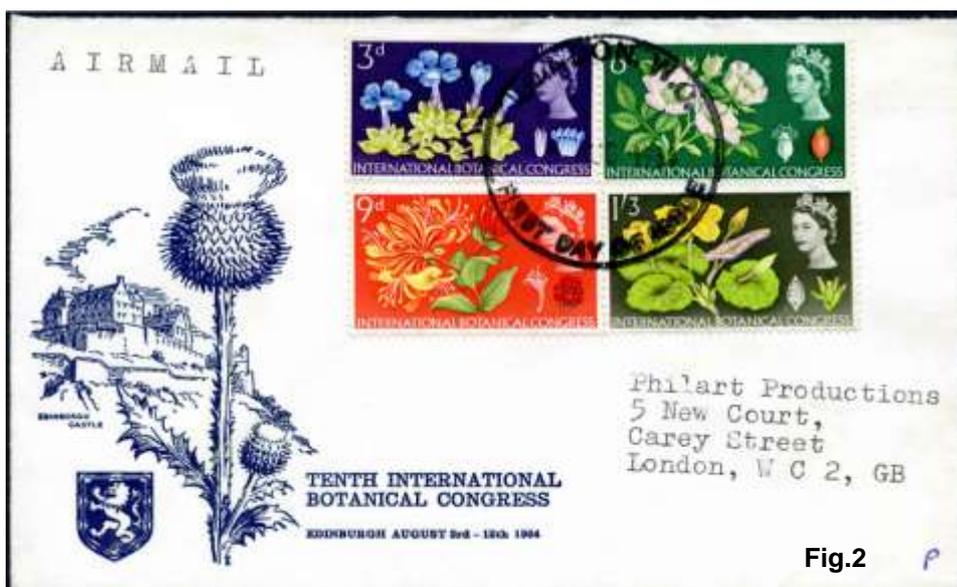
## Did Philart produce more than one cover for the 1964 International Botanical Congress?

Philart was a major producer of first day covers from the early 1960s until 1990. Unfortunately, many of their early covers don't have any obvious text on them that identifies them as Philart products; the Philart logo didn't appear on their covers until the World Cup England Winners issue in August 1966. Early editions of both *Collecting British First Day Covers* by Adrian Bradbury and Jeffrey Booth's *Collect GB First Day Covers* indicate that the first Philart covers were produced in 1964. However, the BFDC website ([www.bfdc.co.uk](http://www.bfdc.co.uk)) identifies the 1963 COMPAC Commonwealth Cable cover as the first Philart cover. The cover illustrated on the website ([www.bfdc.co.uk/1963/commonwealth\\_cable/ship\\_laying\\_cable](http://www.bfdc.co.uk/1963/commonwealth_cable/ship_laying_cable)) has a small PA1 inscription in the bottom left corner and is addressed to "Philart Productions, 5 New Court, Carey Street, London, W.C.2. U.K." (Figure 1).



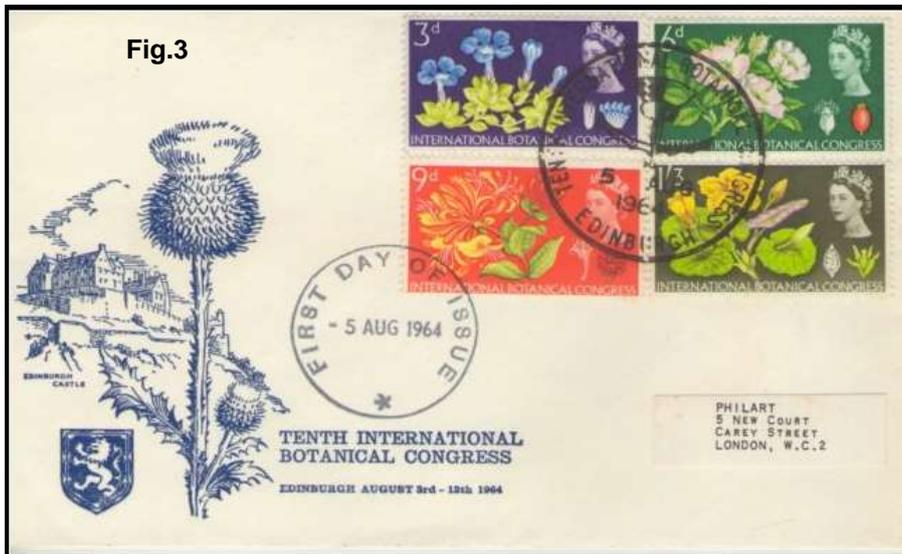
Recently, two FDCs for the 1964 International Botanical Congress addressed to Philart in London have appeared for sale on eBay. Both covers have an illustration in dark blue depicting a Scottish thistle, Edinburgh Castle and a small shield with a lion rampant (Figures 2 and 3). The first cover (Figure 2) has a typed address for 'Philart Productions' at the same address as the 1963 COMPAC cover, except

that it ends with GB, rather than UK. Rather strangely, the cover is marked 'AIRMAIL', but has a London W.C. postmark to a London address.



The second cover (Figure 3, below) has an address label to 'Philart' at the same address, but without GB or UK at the end. This cover is cancelled with the official handstamp of the Tenth International Botanical Congress, Edinburgh and with a First Day of Issue cancel, and sold for £270 on eBay in January 2014!

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Unfortunately there is no obvious identifying mark on these Thistle covers and the producer was not identified in the descriptions on eBay. The BFDC website ([www.bfdc.co.uk/1964/botanical\\_congress/scottish\\_thistle.html](http://www.bfdc.co.uk/1964/botanical_congress/scottish_thistle.html)) illustrates the cover, with a different address, but the producer is not identified. Is the Philart address on the covers an indication that they were produced by Philart, as with the 1963 COMPAC cover?



Fig.4

Philart is known to have produced at least one other cover for the 1964 International Botanical Congress ([http://www.bfdc.co.uk/1964/botanical\\_congress/tulips\\_and\\_daffodils.html](http://www.bfdc.co.uk/1964/botanical_congress/tulips_and_daffodils.html)), although again without any identifying marks (Figure 4). This cover appears to be more common than the Scottish Thistle cover illustrated above.

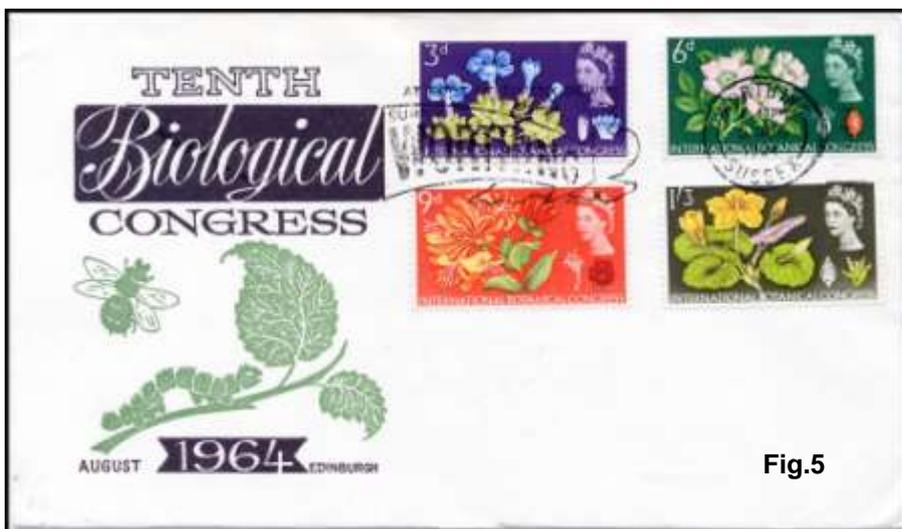


Fig.5

In a previous article (First Day Coverage June 2010) I described a similar cover, but inscribed 'Tenth Biological Congress' and with a different illustration in green. I suggested this cover may have been produced in error, because there is no record of a Biological Congress held in Edinburgh in August 1964. However, the cover was used with the stamps issued for the Tenth International Botanical Congress, with a postmark from Worthing, Sussex on the first day of issue (Figure 5).

This suggests to me that Philart produced three covers that were used for FDCs for the 1964 Tenth International Botanical Congress in Edinburgh. I would be very interested in any information, confirmatory or otherwise, about the producers of these covers for the 1964 International Botanical Congress.

John Gray  
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## Let's Connect.....by Nigel McGarry



One of my favourite sets of all time is the 1964 Botanical Congress Edinburgh Issue - a gorgeous subject the design and colours of which made it really stand out for me. On FDC the connections for the issue are many the best of which are obviously Edinburgh/Kingston upon Thames FDI Handstamps and Kew/Primrose Gardens CDS.

Rummaging through a dealers scruffy old box of Great Britain covers recently I came across a set of 4 plain covers bearing an single stamp from the Ordinary Paper Botanical Congress set. The individual covers had been sent from Newcastle to Petworth in Sussex Three of the stamps had been cancelled by a relevant Newcastle Upon Tyne slogan postmark on the date of issue. The slogan applied was 'The Country Code - Leave no litter please'. The remaining stamp was cancelled by a Newcastle Upon Tyne FDI Handstamp.

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*Dear Editor.....*

I enjoyed Peter Barnett's article 'Worth Looking Out For!' in *First Day Coverage* April 2014. I have a copy of the Waterstone's official First day Cover for the 1993 Greetings stamp issue that he mentions. I must say I was not aware that it was particularly rare. However, it should be noted that the design does not show the March Hare. It is the White Rabbit, in his Herald costume for the Trial scene in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. It is clearly by the same artist who portrayed the White Rabbit on the Royal mail cover; both are of course closely based on the original John Tenniel designs.

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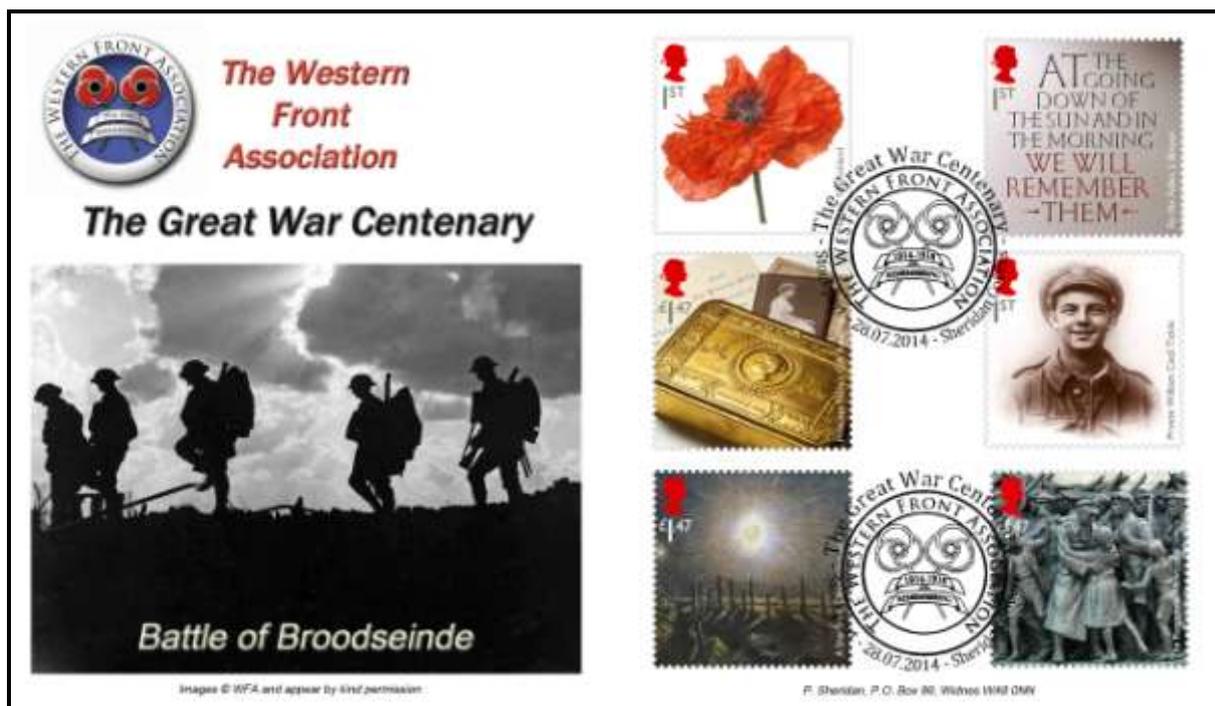
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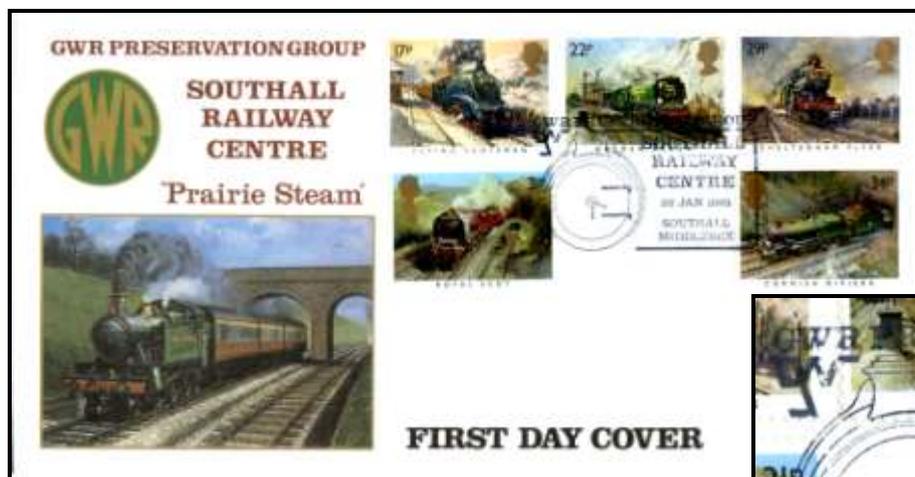


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(No.15 in the Cat.) but no image of the cover. It states: GWR Preservation Group, Southall Railway Centre. The handstamp shown on this cover in the catalogue is not the same as shown here. The cover is attributed to CoverCraft but the handstamp is attributed to DGT. If anyone can tell me

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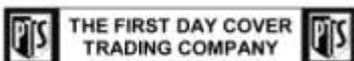
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