

FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the April edition of First Day Coverage. The big event of the Philatelic year is Europhilex, this year held in London at the Business Design Centre, Islington. To commemorate the exhibition there will be a

special 175th Anniversary of the Penny Black Europhilex Overprinted and numbered miniature sheet, issue date 13th May 2015. Only a limited number of sheets are being printed and each one will bear its number on the front of the sheet.

In order to acquire these sheets one must attend Europhilex personally to collect your sheet. This also applies to the trade. I, like everyone else, must attend on the day to be able to collect whatever sheets I will be allowed. This is going to make official covers bearing this sheet very expensive and exclusive. This will be more so for producers living outside of London and its environs. We wish Europhilex every success and I hope to be there at the Royal Mail stand collecting my sheets along with everyone else.

On page 3 is shown GBFDC's second official cover of the year

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Pub Meetings

LONDON

Pub Meetings held in
In The Ship and Shovel, Craven Passage,
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Please contact Richard Park for meeting dates during 2015

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DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE 2015 EDITION
Items for publication **MUST** be with the editor by
7th May 2015

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.....*

for the Penny Black 175th anniversary. It is subject to slight change as we are waiting on Royal Mail to get back to us about permission to use a Royal Mail copyrighted image.

We also have a special announcement regarding a change in the AGM2015 official cover. It was advertised as Rugby but, after seeing the proposed images and amount of stamps in the set, we have decided to change this to Bees, issue date 18th August 2015. Further details are on the bottom of page 3.

We now know that prices for a first and second class stamp will increase by 1p to 63p and 54p respectively. Higher values in the sets will increase too but we don't yet know by how much. This can only serve to force up the cost of our hobby further, once the increase in postage is factored in. We will leave that for now and may revisit later when we know more details.

We have several very good articles inside this edition, one being C.E. Bossom Year of the Child covers on pages 15 & 16. Very unusual covers indeed. It never ceases to amaze me when finds surface that no one ever knew existed.

Terry Barnett has unearthed an unusual rare cover on page 16.

Nigel McGarry shows us another way to collect covers in his excellent Let's Connect series.

We also have a full MCS for you in this issue too. Be very quick as the more sought after covers do go first

Kenneth Gray poses the question "When is a cover considered illustrated or not?" Not a easy question to answer as you will see on page 4. Feedback on this and any other articles inside this issue is more than welcome. All feedback will be acknowledged and published in the next edition of 'Coverage'.

On page 14 are all things Club related. We are still looking for a publicity officer to help promote the Association and hopefully gain new members. Expenses will be paid and you don't have to be a member of the committee to do it.

There is also a reminder for the next AGM which will be on Sunday the 18th October. I hope you will be able to make it on the day.

We also have information regarding the Club auction, guide lines and dead line for auction lots on page 14.

The GBFDC website is up and running and can be accessed via two domain names both of which are on the bottom of page 14.

We have very little material in hand for the June edition and we ask you to dig deep in you collections and put an article together that we can publish.

We wish everybody a wonderful Easter holiday and we will see you again in June. Until then, Happy collecting.

Phil Sheridan
Hon. Editor

The Association of Great Britain First Day Cover Collectors Official Covers 2015

GBFDC No.54 OFFICIAL COVER – 175th Anniversary of the Penny Black 06 May 2015

This is the second GBFDC official cover of 2015 and it will be a Limited Edition of 76. This is an important stamp issue which we hope will enhance your cover collection.

If you would like to collect GBFDC Association official covers then please let Terry have your order and cheque as soon as possible.

175th Anniversary of the Penny Black GBFDC official cover shown below for member information (Design may be subject to slight change)



Special Announcement regarding a change in the AGM2015 official Cover

Due to increased costs in the stamp sets after 30th March 2015, and the fact that the Rugby set is not as nice as we thought it would be, we have decided to make a change to the AGM2015 official cover. We are now producing a cover for Bees on 18th August 2015. This cover will be the official AGM cover and will be available ONLY at the AGM on the day, Any covers over will be auctioned as usual to those members who could not attend the AGM via the December newsletter. The Bees issue is a much more colourful and vibrant set of 6 stamps than the Rugby stamps. We think members will be more than delighted with this change to the programme.

For the Third and final cover of the year we have decided to produce a cover for the Battle of Waterloo. It is another very colourful and vibrant set of 6 Olympic sized stamps. The other choice was Battle of Britain. Whilst a very good stamp issue, it is again in monochrome and is another miniature sheet. After the Penny Black issue, we felt members wouldn't appreciate another mini-sheet. We are sure you will be delighted with both covers.

Phil Sheridan & Dot.

When is a Cover Considered Illustrated or Not?

By Kenneth Gray

I have a technical question for our fellow members and I'd love to hear their opinion of. I sometimes can't decide if an older cover is considered illustrated or not when trying to estimate its value, usually one posted on ebay.



Here's a list of situations I've seen ranked (by me) from "for sure illustrated" to "definitely not illustrated." I imagine it is a grey area but what is your opinion of each? What I've listed below is in addition to the stamps and a postmark of course.

1. Cachet printed onto the envelope
2. A paragraph printed on the envelope such as "These stamps were issued to commemorate blah, blah"
3. A sticker on the envelope that is known from other examples and therefore known to be original to the cover (fig.1)
4. A sticker that was added as an apparent one off. I don't know how you would verify it was added at the time in this case but I guess you could say the same thing about an unknown cachet too.
5. An add on cachet known to be added later
6. Very brief printed words such as "Coronation Stamps" and "First Day Cover"
7. Only the words "First Day Cover" or "First Day of Issue" printed on the envelope
8. Nothing but stamps and a postmark (Fig.2)

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Fig.3 is clearly an illustrated cover

Fig.4. This cover that I bought recently illustrates another issue with trying to value covers – old covers in particular.

It is clearly illustrated but only has 2 of the 4 Jubilee stamps. I've no idea how much that reduces its value? In this set there was no high value stamp that is often missing from a cover like say the 1948 Silver Wedding issue or even more so Festival of Britain covers.

I noticed that the cover that sold at auction (Fig.2) similar to mine has a small "2" typed on it above the Windsor Castle sticker, possibly meaning it was cover #2 sent. Both arrived in Cape Town the same day, 10 days later. The postmarks are slightly clearer on the one I don't own but mine (Fig.1) has one extra postmark and the stamps were applied straight.

I would be very interested to read what other collectors think?

Help Required Please

I came across this cover in my one of my albums the other day and I can't remember where I got it from. The cover has nothing to identify it whatsoever. Here is nothing on the front or back and no insert card either. It does have written in pencil on the back the words "Location, Greendale, Keswick." It is not worth much I don't think but I would be interested in who produced it, why, and how many are known to be done. According to Bradbury's Catalogue the handstamp is Benham's so is the cover also Benham?



It seems odd that there is no number or reference to Benham on the cover; no address etc. either. Maybe it is a cover produced by a third party and the Benham postmark applied. If anyone can shed light on my query then please email or write in to the usual address. Thank you.



I have another question for our knowledgeable members out there. Opposite is another cover I 'found' hiding in amongst my box of covers. This cover intrigues me because, a close look at it tell me it was carried on the SRN 6 Mk 11 Army Hovercraft above the Arctic Circle, Norway (amongst other text) between Feb. April 1971. It has the red Arctic Trials cachet on the front also. The handstamp is RCT Formation

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20 Maritime Regiment
1. Feb. 1971 British
Forces 1140 Postal
Service. It also bears a
St. Kilda cachet as
well.

On the reverse there
are several
handstamps and
postmarks. The double
circle postmark is
'Field Post Office 1
MR. 71'

The red circle handstamp Mull ? APR 1971 (the date is indistinguishable). At the top left is an oval postmark that states 'Ship's Office RFA SIR TRISTRAM 20 Mar 1971. Then there are two oblong cachets at both bottom corners. Both are from St. George Barracks, Gosport but have different dates and a different heading. The one on the left is HMAV ABBEVILLE (4041) 20 Maritime Regiment Royal Corps of Transport 1 Apr 1971. The other in very pale green ink is HMAV AACHEN? (4042) Indistinguishable unfortunately, dated 8 Apr 1971.

Just to confuse matters further there is another added cachet in the centre in red ink which says 'Flown in Belfast Flight No. 6935, RAF BRIZE NORTON to BARDUFOSSE NORWAY 24 Feb. 1971.

The tiny logo in the centre of the cover at the back says it is a 'Solent Cover'. As most of our readers will be aware, I like postal history like this and it seems this cover has travelled somewhat.

It's not a FDC as the stamp used is the Mayflower 1/6- from the Anniversaries set that was issued 1st April 1970. All this poses more questions than it answers. Why was it done? Was it simply to commemorate the Hovercraft Arctic Trials? Why so many postmarks and cachets? Was the Flight from Brize Norton to Norway so the cover could be taken aboard the Hovercraft for the 'trials'? Who produced it etc.. If anyone has a bit more information about this cover then please email or write in to the usual address.

Dot R.

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Let's Connect.....By Nigel McGarry

To my mind you can't beat a bit of research to try and link a new and relevant cancellation to an issue whether it be from past or present.

It's linking a postmark to a past issue that is factually relevant gives me the most satisfaction. Somewhere the connection may be recorded but seems to be missing from the main catalogues when I've checked. First Day of Issue Handstamps, which I look for, also tend to attract a reasonable price which is appreciated on a retirement budget!



Fig.1

The 1966 Technology issue is rich in facts and new find possibilities. A connection I particularly like is the Cambridge FDI Handstamp (Fig.1) which is relevant to Christopher Cockerell, who is credited with inventing the Hovercraft, as he was born there in 1910.



Fig.2

In 1967 three stamps were issued to commemorate British paintings and a few good connections have emerged here. The first is a Liverpool FDI Handstamp which is where George Stubbs was born in 1724 (Fig.2).

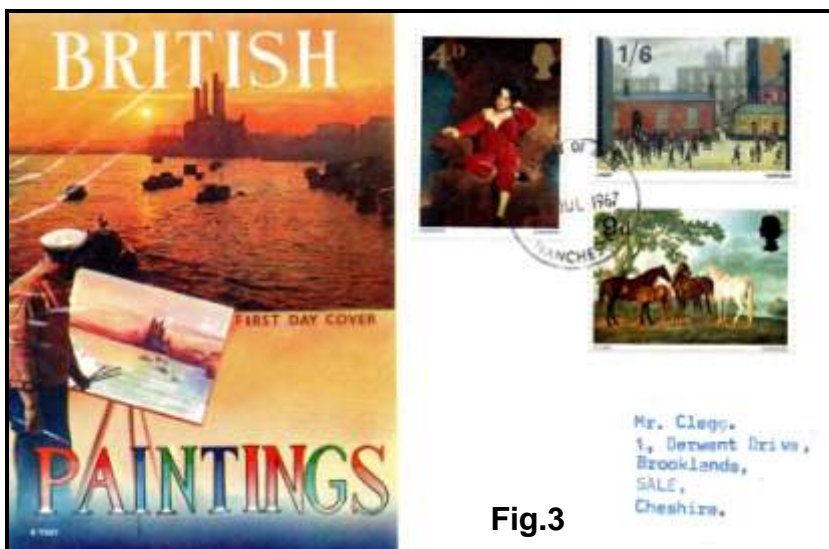
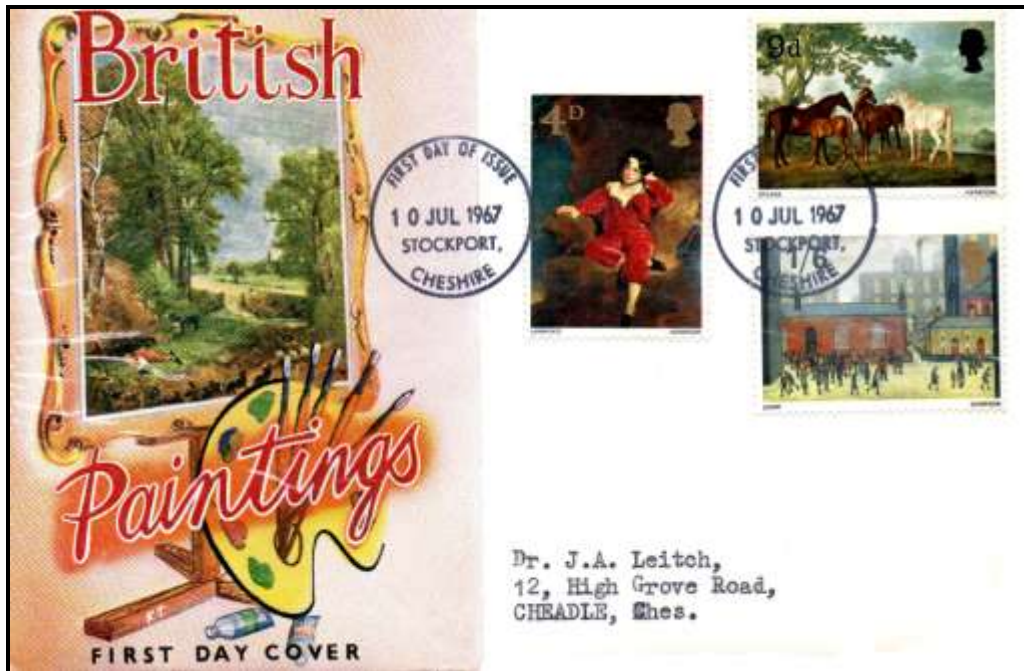


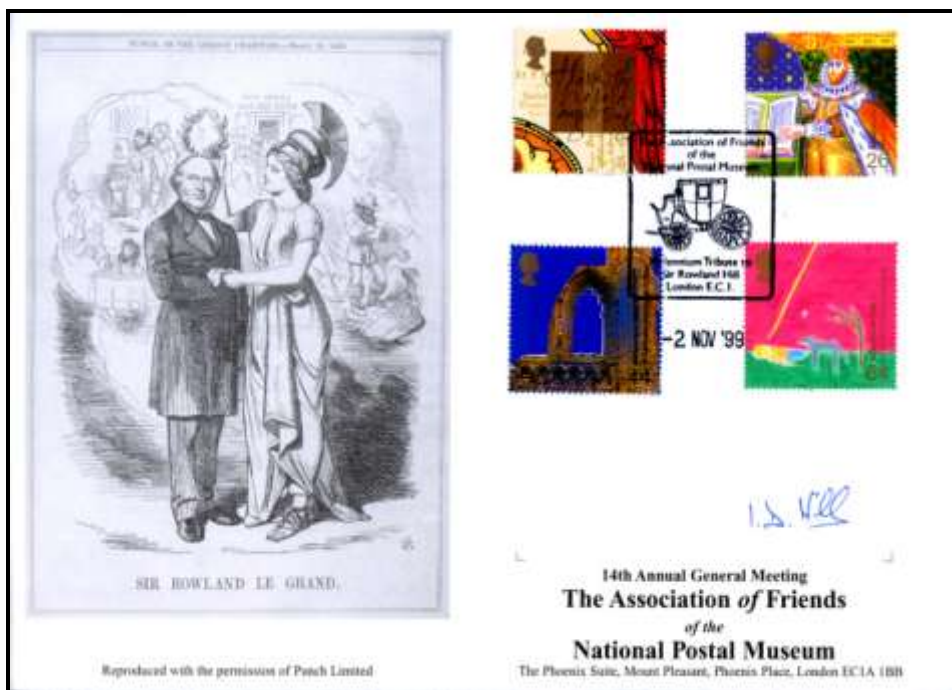
Fig.3

The second and third covers are Manchester (Fig.3) and Stockport (Fig.4 overleaf) FDI Handstamps which are both relevant to LS Lowry.

If you find one, a London WC FDI Handstamp is also a great connection for the wonderful national art galleries situated there.



Help required with signature please.



This is another cover unearthed out of one of my albums. However I have forgotten the relevance of the signature. To me it looks like I. D.Hill. There is obviously a connection between the signature and the cover. Can anyone tell me what it is please? Thank you.



Opposite is the signature enlarged. If you can identify the signature, and it's relevance to the cover (apart from the name 'Hill'), then please write in to the usual address.

Dot

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.

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1971	Literary Ann	John Keats Shanklin on PO cover(unaddressed)	£75
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1972	BBC	Man City Kick Off in UEFA Cup on Dawn official cover (3p only)	£9
1973	Royal Wedd	Great Somerford on Copecrest Woven picture card	£8
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1976	Caxton	William Caxton Plymouth on Plymouth College official (neat h/w)	£75
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1977	Chemistry	Bureau on Shell Chemicals cover	£8
1978	Horses	FDI Aylesbury on Amersham Horse Show cover	£9
1978	Christmas	CDS Nasareth plus cachet on PO cover. Cat £125	£45
1979	Dogs	FDI Exeter on PO cover signed Peter Barrett (designer)	£6
1978	Cycling	Harrogate on Cyclists Touring Club Cover	£8
1982	Christmas	FDI London EC on Allen, Brady & Marsh Ltd cover	£9
1985	Cinema	Leicester Sq (Pink Panther) on Benham BLCS7 official	£8
1988	Aust BiCent	Wedgewood Bicentenary on Arlington official	£14

Covers for Sale. Please contact Terry Barnett 0151 486 2610 or email

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If you would like a photocopy or a scan of any cover please contact me.

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1988	W. Bible on BLCS30 St Asaph cancel	£1
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2] 25/09/1961 Parliament. Illustrated cover. C.D.S.canc. C'wealth Parliamentary Conference. Printed address.	£13.00
3] 14/11/1962 N.P.Y. Illustrated cover.Double ring C.D.S. Ampleforth College.Typed address. Non-phos	£13.00
4] 21/03/1963 F.F.H. Illustrated cover. Non-phos. Slogan canc. "Freedom from Hunger. Printed address.	£8.00
5] 07/05/1963 P.O. Conference.Illustrated cover.Non-phos.Canc.Post Office Tercentenary. Small printed address.	£8.00
6] 13/09/1965 B.O.B. Phos. Illustrated G.P.O. cover. Canc.Phil.Bureau. Typed address to Dusseldorf.	£5.00
7] 10/07/1967 British Paintings. Ord. cover. Canc."Art on Stamps".Printed address.	£7.00
8] 29/05/1968 Brit.Anniv. Ord.cover. Canc. Hendon N.W.4. Printed S.A. label address.	£17.00
9] 12/08/1968 Brit.Paintings.Official cover. Canc. Parish Church Restoration. Typed S.A. label address.	£16.00
10] 16/06/1971 Ulster Paintings.Ord.Illustrated Cover. Canc. 53rd.Phil.Cong. Norwich. Handprinted address.	£15.00
11] 14/11/1973 Royal Wedding. Ord.Illustrated cover. C.D.S. canc.Great Somerford. Handwritten S.A.label address.	£6.00
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13] 02/03/1977 Chemistry.Ord.Illustrated cover. Canc.Royal Inst.of Chemistry. Small S.A. label address	£7.00
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18]10/04/1984 Urban Renewal. Official Cover C of Durham. Canc. City of Durham. Unaddressed	£5
19]12/03/1985 Brit. Insects. Official cover SB Club. Canc. Stamp Bug Club, High Wycombe. Unaddressed	£12
20]20/05/86 Nature Cons. Off. cvr LFDC 50 Ramblers Assn. Canc. London SW 8. UA	£4
21]07/03/1989 Food and Farming. Official Covercraft cover. Canc. Min. of Ag. UA	£6
1988 Armada, Kellogg's Official with Blackburn 'k' H/S 19.07.88 AL not cat.	£10
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GBFDC AGM2011 RAF Museum Centenary of Aerial Post official cover	£150
GBFDC AGM2013 Liverpool Maritime Museum	£150
GBFDC AGM2014 Fort Perch Rock	£120

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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.

That's it from us for this edition. Please do look in your collections and see if you can put together an article for us. It will be most appreciated.

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. 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 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

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

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 expense 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.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**We have arranged for the 2015 AGM/Cover Fair to be held on Sunday 18th October 2015 at the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7NF (for Sat Navs).
Tel: 0121 360 1484**

Doors open at 9am. A lunchtime buffet will be laid on with the AGM starting at around 1pm

Auction Deadlines

- Spring GBFDC auction April/May is 31st January
- Autumn GBFDC Auction October/November is the 31st August.

Guideline for Auction Lots

First Day covers ONLY, no commemorative covers please.

No Philatelic Bureau Covers. (Unless on privately produced covers)

No Handwritten covers (Unless they are Rare covers)

No unrelated First Day of Issue covers. (Unless on Privately produced covers)

Covers must be in good condition. (Otherwise they will not sell!)

Minimum Estimate of £5 where possible please.

If have any questions please contact Richard Park 01403 241825 or

email rjpark@btinternet.com

GBFDC Website

We would like to inform our members that the domain name **www.gbfdc.uk** is now active and you can access the website with it. As well as **www.gbfdc.co.uk**

Thank you,

R Park (Chairman)

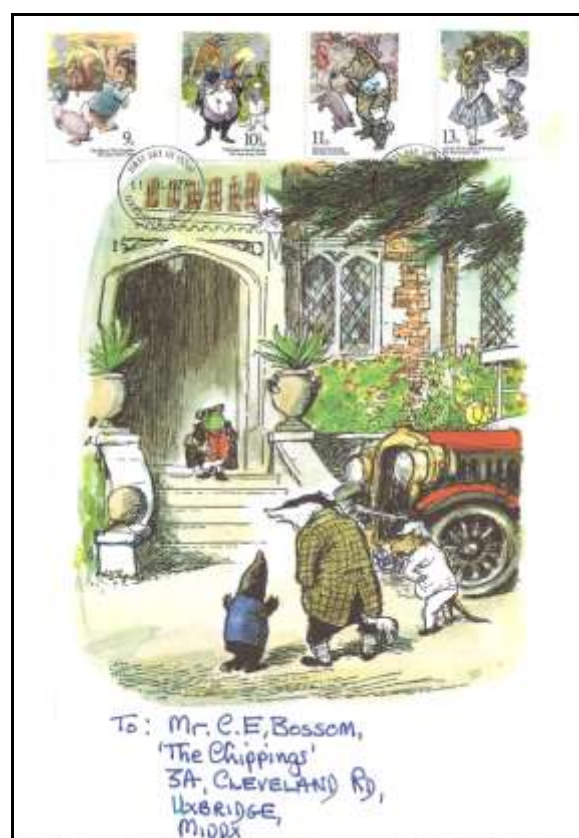
Concerning the C E Bossom Year of the Child Covers

By Selwyn Goodacre

In my never ending quest for unusual First Day Covers for the Year of the Child issue of 11 July 1979, I was intrigued in 2014 to notice a number of YOC covers coming up for sale on Ebay – all with the 'First Day of Issue 11 July 1979 Uxbridge, Middlesex' date stamp.

What made them very unusual was that each one appeared to be unique in that each featured a different colour picture by E H Shepard - either from *The House at Pooh Corner* by A A Milne or from *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame, plus a few from works by Beatrix Potter, and some by Gerald King. Initially the covers on Ebay were being offered by 'Covers of the World'; later ones were offered by the dealer Pam Stanley. Happily, I was able to buy everyone that came up in the ensuing months. What intrigued me most was that every cover had a hand written address beautifully written in broad ball point pen, sometimes, but not always, with the name 'C E Bossom' above the address.

As this name was pretty unusual, it was possible to 'google' it – and I came up with just the one person. I was able to contact him, and he confirmed that he was indeed the creator, and did 'make the First Day Covers some 35 years ago. I made them for one of my small daughters who I was introducing to the joy of books at that time'. In fact I have two Gerald King covers (see below) addressed to his two daughters – one to 'Claire', the other to 'Adela'.



He told me he gave up stamp collecting in early 2000 and sold his 'collection of some 140 albums to a local dealer in Ely earlier this year.' Mr Bossom called his covers a 'somewhat amateur effort' – a sentiment I could not agree with. These covers are unique, brilliantly prepared, and a delight to own.

Continued.....

Remember this was back in 1979, long before the advent of colour home printers, so Mr Bossom and his daughters had to use editions of the books with the colour pictures by E H Shepard, cut the selected picture out and paste it onto an envelope. You will see examples of the fine results. It must have been a huge undertaking, as I now have 29 *Pooh Corner* covers, 14 *Wind in the Willows* covers as well as 5 with Beatrix Potter pictures. The two Gerald King covers are taken from his famous book *Alice Through the Pillar-Box and What She Found There, A Philatelic Fantasy* (Whizzard Press, London 1978). All but one of the 'Bossom covers' has the 11 July FDI cancellation.

The one exception is a 1980 cover, which surprisingly he managed to inveigle the Post Office into franking, even though it bore no Post Office stamps - only Gerald King 'Cinderella' stamps.

Mr Bossom assures me that he did not pursue his first day cover endeavours much beyond 1980. He tells me 'There were a few other editions of handmade covers but none related to children's books or related illustrators that I can remember. The only significant one was in relation to the Royal Wedding but regrettably Prince Charles and Princess Diana later somewhat spoilt that issue.' (!)

Individually prepared first day covers such as those created by Mr Bossom and family are not common in my experience. Finding and collecting them items such as these adds unusual joy and zest to the chase.

Acknowledgements

I am most grateful to Mr Bossom for telling me about how he created the covers, and to Pamela Stanley for her encouragement to write this appreciation.

UNUSUAL RARE COVER.....by Terry Barnett

I have come across an unusual cover as per the scan. It is certified on the back as being 1 of 50. After a lot of hassle I managed to contact someone who was connected to the group involved and she told me that as far as she could remember the cover was sold to members of the group as a way of raising money. On the assumption that not many of those in the group were stamp collectors I would guess that very few of the 50 have survived. I have had 3 of those and know where a fourth one is. Have any other members seen this cover?



Rare Covers.....by Colin Young

Cover No 1 1983 Christmas (TC) Tandy Corporation Walsall Official. These covers were NOT generally on sale and were given to Managers who ran the Tandy Corporation shops. Possibly some of these covers were sold to collectors as the managers possibly did not collect first day covers. Not many of these covers have surfaced at all.



Cover No 2 1984 British Cattle. Another 1st from Britannia on the British Airways Official I bought this cover of a renowned cover dealer at the time of the issue which was done with a full set and was a reasonable price. I have seen a couple of single stamp covers but only two officials with full sets in all the years of collecting



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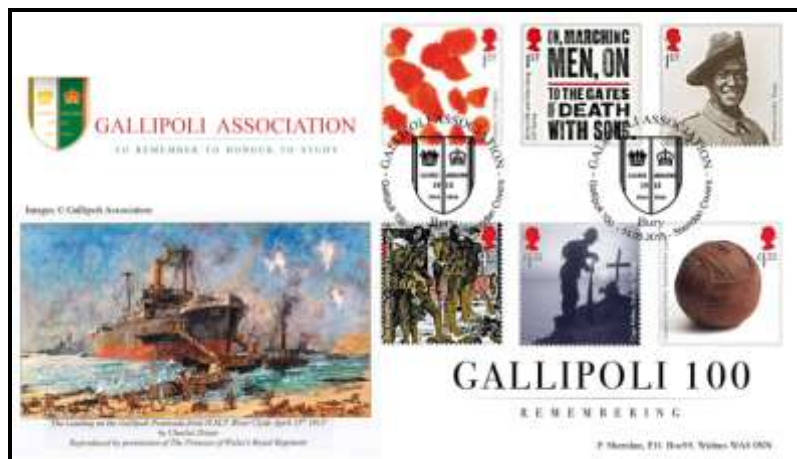
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***These sheets require collection in
person from the Royal Mail stand
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cover reflects this.***

I will also have very limited sets of
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it stands all these covers are sold out
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wish to be considered for a set
should someone not want theirs.



This year marks the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign during WWI and we are very honoured to be able to feature the Gallipoli Association on our official cover for this year's issue of stamps.

The Great War 2015 14 May 2015 Full set of 6 stamps on Gallipoli Association official cover
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There will also be a strictly limited set of 4 PSB Pane covers available on official cover for this issue. As it stands all these sets are sold out, however, if you would like to be considered for a set should someone not want theirs, then please contact me.

For further details on this, and other covers mentioned here, please contact: **Tel: 0151 257 8874 or 07939 832 184** If we are not available please leave your name and telephone number and we will call you back. Alternatively **E-mail us at: Sheridanfdcs@aol.com**

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