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From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the April 2016 edition of First Day Coverage. We start by apologising once again for your newsletter being late. There is little we can do except reassure you that it will arrive on your doormat (or inbox) eventually. Due to illness it's difficult to predict when your

newsletter will be ready. We do all we can to ensure that it does eventually arrive and that it is as close to the first day of the month it is due. We ask for your understanding and patience while we are experiencing ongoing problems. We cannot say when things will get back to normal as there is no horizon of wellness in sight. We will do what we can to lessen the impact this has on GBFDC members.

Members can assist us greatly by sending us articles, features, letters and MCS lists as early as possible. We hardly had anything in hand for this edition but we managed to pull something together. However it does take time and many hours sat in front of a computer screen. If any of you suffer, or have suffered, from Chronic Migraines then you will understand the problems we face. Please look in your collections and put something together for your newsletter. All names that send in articles and letters go in to our draw during the AGM for a

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DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE 2016 EDITION
Items for publication MUST be with the editor by
7th May 2016

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.....*

coveted AGM official cover. Our AGM covers are highly sought after now, so it's your chance to win one, especially if you can't make it to the AGM on the day to buy one. Send in something for us to publish and you have your chance of winning a cover.

Please send in your lists of covers for sale for the June newsletter. The earlier, the better, but please don't send lists in for editions in advance other than the June one.

Our Letters to the Editor page could be a lot better too. There are editions with no letters in at all and that's a real shame. I am sure many of you have something you would like to share and have published regarding our first day cover and philatelic world.

On page 3 is shown GBFDC's first official cover for 2016, for Anmail stamp issue. It's a fun issue and we thought our members would like to start off the year with it. It different and it is supposed to be directed towards children to encourage them to collect. However I cannot see how this can happen when a full miniature sheet has to be purchased for £6.04. I also suspect many post offices will not be supplied with it, and if they are, they won't be selling single stamps from the sheet.

We have news from Royal Mail regarding the British Postmark Bulletin and we applaud Royal Mail for this excellent move to make it accessible to more people all around the world. Further details are on page 16. Make sure you don't miss it. However I am not as sure collectors will be so pleased with the other news regarding the Royal Mail 500 Stampex Overprint Miniature Sheet. We publish it for our members to know how many were actually sold. If you were lucky enough to get hold of some then, in my opinion, they will increase in value quite quickly.

On page 4 Colin Young treats us to more rare covers, while on page 6, 7 & 8, with the valuable help of Nick Larnar, we bring you an article on some Antarctic and HMS Endurance covers.

On page 5 you will be able to read the minutes of the committee meeting which was held via conference call between committee members on Wednesday 24th February.

A heads up that GBFDC now has a Facebook page and details of how you can find it are on the bottom of page 5.

We have a very full MCS for you this edition so thank you to everyone who sent in their lists of covers for sale.

We would like more letters to the editor please. This feature is very much under-used. It's your forum to let us know what you want to see in your newsletter and how you think we are doing regarding aspects of the association relevant to you. You can also have a moan about things pertaining to our hobby, anything you feel you want to let us or other members know about. Also highlight your stamp or cover fair or a fair where there will be FDC stalls. Anything you want to write in about is welcome provided it's legal and can be remotely linked to first day covers or stamps.

With that we wish you all, happy collecting. See you again in June. Hopefully summer will be well and truly underway and the sun will be scorching! Think not? Well, wait and see, you never know!

*Phil Sheridan & Dot,
Hon. Editors.*

The Association of Great Britain First Day Cover Collectors Official Covers 2016

GBFDC's FIRST OFFICIAL COVER FOR 2016 – ANIMAIL – 17 May 2016

Safari Zoo, Ulverston, Cumbria official GBFDC cover shown below for member information
(Cover design copyright of GBFDC and must not be used until all covers have been dispatched to members)

If you would like to collect this cover, or all three GBFDC Covers for this year, then please forward your cheque to Terry Barnett. Address on page 2



We hope the next 2 GBFDC official covers will be for Landscape Gardens on 16th August and either Beatrix Potter 28 July or Agatha Christie 15th September, depending upon copyright regulations. The Great Fire of London remains our cover for 2016 AGM. Both Dot and I would like to state that, for any of these stamp issues, we welcome ideas from our members. You never know, we might just have a gem of a cover out there just waiting to be produced.

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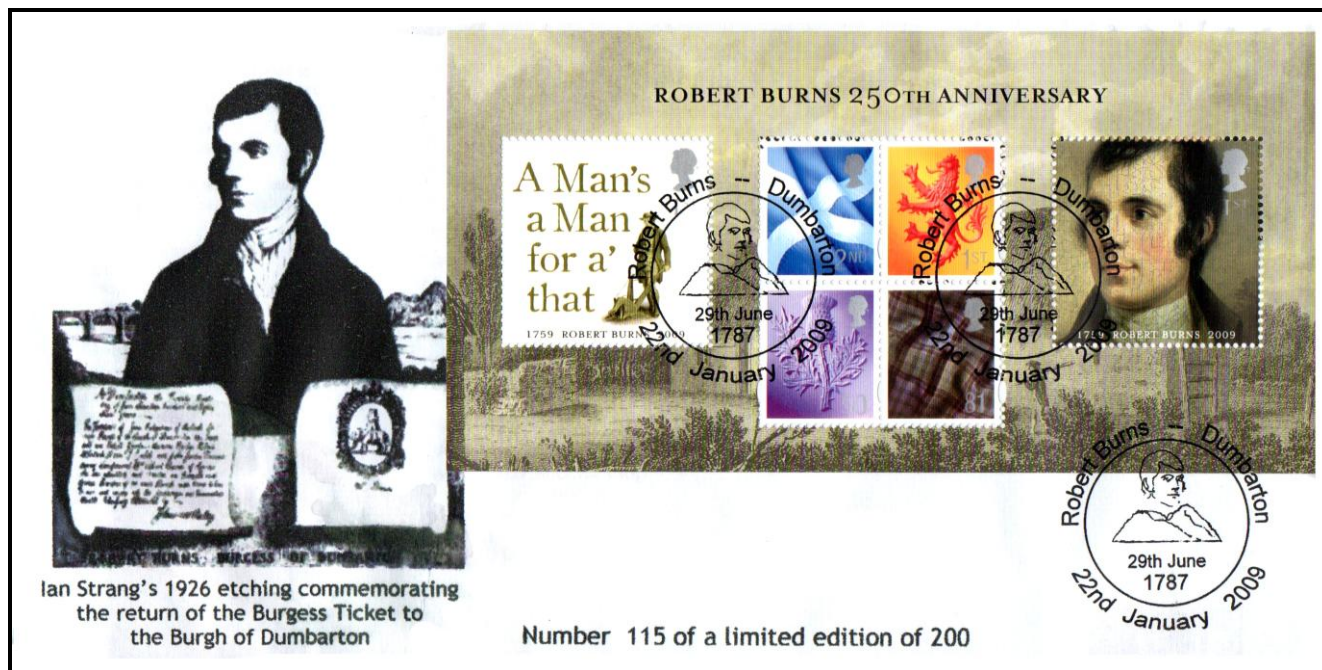
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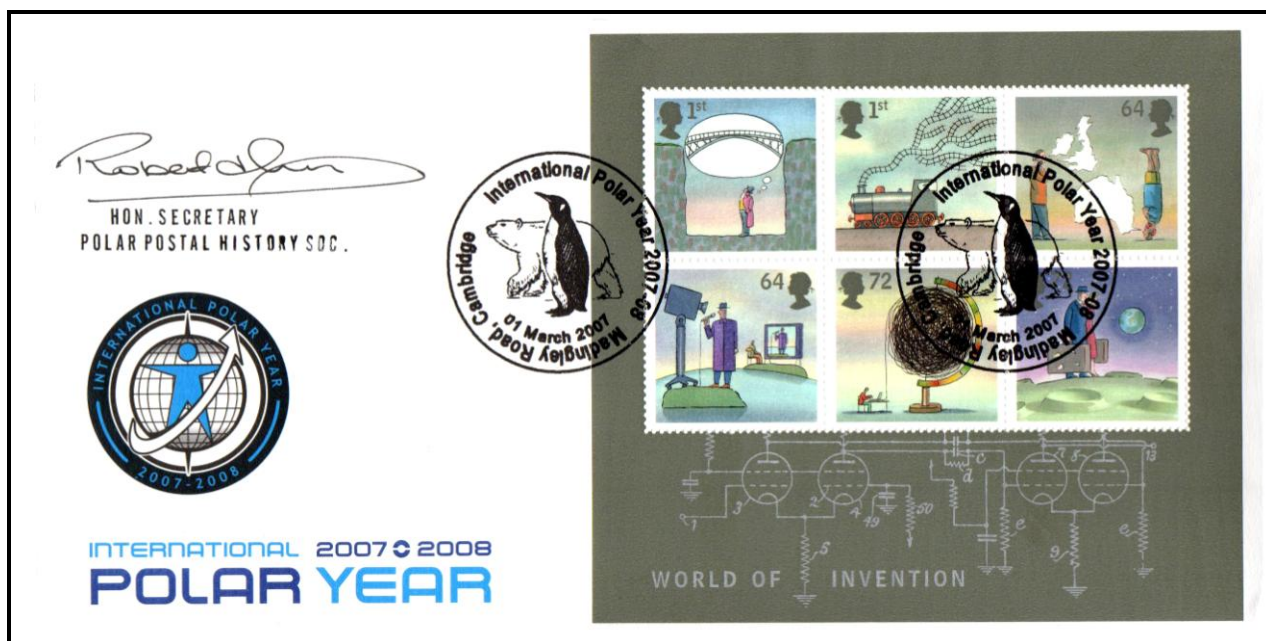
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Rare Coversby Colin Young

COVER No 1 22nd January 2009 Robert Burns (J Moir Nelson Official) This cover at the time was only done with a single stamp from the Miniature sheet. I tried at the time to ask the producer of the cover if there was any chance of the full sheet on the cover and the reply came back that they were all done with a single stamp. Eventually I managed to obtain one with Full Miniature sheet from a well known cover dealer and he told me that **ONLY 2 COVERS** were done.



COVERS No 2 1st March 2007 World of Invention (Robert Hurst Officials) In all **70** of these covers were produced of which some were done with a full set and some were done with the miniature sheet. Robert Hurst who is the Honorary Secretary also signed the full set and miniature sheet covers. So therefore I suggest that there are not many of each. So if any collectors have all 4 of the covers they must be scarce.



GBFDC Minutes of the Committee meeting held by conference call on Wednesday 24th February 2016 commencing at 8pm

Richard welcomed and thanked everyone for giving up their time.
All committee members in attendance.

The minutes of the October committee meeting were distributed and agreed as a true and proper record on a proposal from Ian and seconded by David.

It was pointed out by David that there was one error in the minutes that being in paragraph seven. It should read 'The sales in the auction would be kept as a separate cost centre'.

The suggestion of a £1 surcharge would not go ahead due to the administration involved.

It was also agreed that due to the extra work involved we would not be sending out the official covers to UK members with an extra stiffener.

Richard, as Chairman, advised that our membership now stood at 220, down by 13, of which 114 members received their newsletter by email. Richard said he would monitor payments made via paypal against payments made by cheque to try and avoid duplicated payments.

David gave his Treasurers report advising that we have approximately £11,500 in the bank and around £600 in the paypal account. Much of this money will be used to cover the cost of the Association covers and the newsletter costs. It is expected that the year end figures will look similar to last years. David proposed that at the present time the cost of covers and the AGM cover remain at the present cost.

Phil and Dot advised that as usual they are hoping for more articles to go in the newsletter although at the present time things are looking a little better. They apologised in advance that due to personal circumstances it may not always be possible to get the newsletter out on the expected date.

At this time no firm decision has been made about this year's covers but as soon as a decision is made this will be published in the newsletter with, hopefully, an illustration.

Ian has agreed, on a suggestion from Terry, to write to societies to advertise the Association with a view to increasing membership. Richard and Ian are going to look at the possibilities of using facebook and twitter to further advertise the Association and to put a copy of the flyer on facebook. It was agreed to use the existing flyers rather than get new ones printed. Richard will send a quantity to Terry.

It was agreed to offer £100 to sponsor Stamp Active. In return the Association will be listed on their website.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

GBFDC has a Facebook Page. It can be found by typing in

www.facebook.com/gbfdc/

It would be nice if as many members as possible could join or follow. Thank you.

Antarctic Service & H.M.S. Endurance

A good friend, knowing I like to collect covers with a history to them AND with multiple interesting handstamps and cancels, sent me the cover shown below. It's a Government House, Falkland Islands envelope (Government House crest showing on the back flap). The cover was produced by ?? and was for the 15 Years of South Atlantic Patrol and Antarctic Service 1968-1983 H.M.S. Endurance. The main stamp was issued by Chile and the postmark cancelling it states "Territorio Chileno Antartico 29 Feb. 84. It interestingly bears a number of other related cancels and cachets both on the front and on the back (both shown below). The envelope is also signed twice, once alongside Government House, Port Stanley cachet by then Governor of the Falkland Islands, Rex Hunt, and the other signature belongs to H.M.S. Endurance Captain. His signature is across their handstamp dated 29 Feb. 1984. There is also a large Chile cachet to the left of the main stamp. The recent £1.52 'Setting out for South Georgia April 1916' stamp from the Shackleton set in on 7.1.16 was added on issue date.



H.M.S. Endurance was an Ice Survey ship and these covers were carried aboard the ship at the time. The ship stopped off at all the islands hence all the extra cachets and handstamps on the back. It would seem these covers were also carried on Wasp Helicopter XS527, perhaps to load on to Endurance? The cover has

its cachet added. On the back of the envelope are the islands Endurance stopped off at. Brabant Island, Anvers Island and Deception Island, this has a date 15. Feb. 1984. Deception Island handstamp has an earlier date than the cancel on the main stamp which leads me to believe the envelopes arrived there before going to Chile for stamping up and cancellation on the 29th. There is one last cachet of an Island to the far left on the back but, unfortunately, no name. Can anybody hazard a guess as to the island depicted?

The last piece of history about Endurance is as follows: Royal Navy's ice patrol ship H.M.S. Endurance was damaged when its engine control room flooded off the Chilean coast in 2008 and it is to be scrapped. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) said the Portsmouth-based ship, which was replaced with a Norwegian ship which is to be called H.M.S. Protector in 2011, would go out of service in 2015. HMS Protector, will be leased while H.M.S. Endurance's future is considered.



The reverse of the cover above. I like these interesting items a lot.

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Following on from the article above I show here a number of covers that have been dual dated with stamps from the Shackleton set 7.1.16 Plymouth. There are three British Antarctic Territory covers (Fig.1,3, & 4) and one GB cover (Fig.2) carrying a set of Christmas Cracker stamps 27.10.97 cancelled with Christmas Greetings From H.M. Ships Abroad, H.M.S. Endurance, Portsmouth.



Fig.1

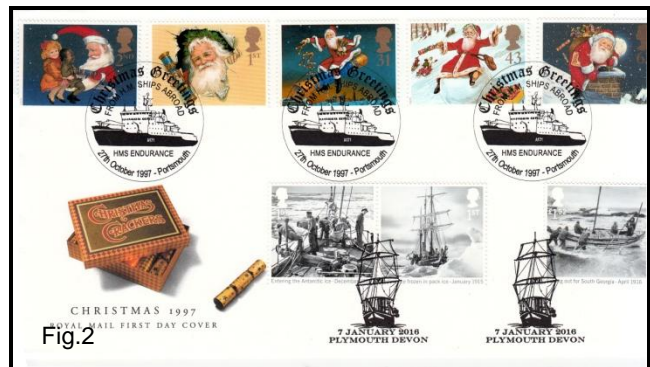


Fig.2

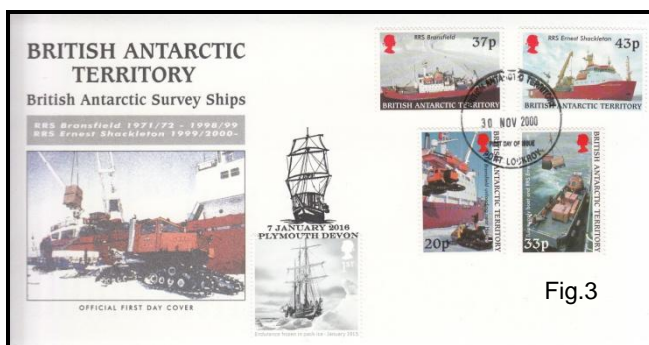


Fig.3

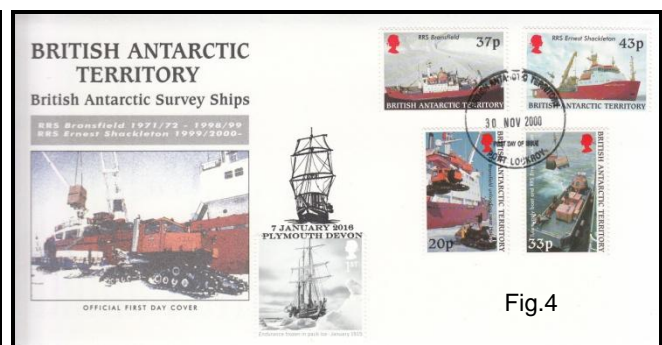


Fig.4



Fig.5



Fig.6

Fig.5 & 6 - are very interesting covers for me. Again, this is material I like most of all. Fig.5 is a Falkland Islands cover with a set of 4 Falkland Islands Dependencies stamps cancelled by a double ring CDS for a place called Shackleton. The date is not very clear but looks like 27 Jan. 1957. The set of 4 stamps have been overprinted with "Trans Antarctic Expedition 1955-1958". The cover has been dual dated with 2 appropriate Shackleton stamps from January's set.

Fig.6 - I like as much as the dual signed Antarctic cover on page 6. This cover bears 2 South Georgia stamps cancelled with single ring Falkland Islands Dependency 1 Jan. 1877. It also bears a double ring South Georgia cachet along with an oblong cachet that says "32nd Antarctic Tourist Expedition 1976/1977". There is a very nice ship cachet which states "M.S.Lindblad Explorer Antarctica - 1976/1977". Then there is a green cachet showing a seal which states "Grytviken South Georgia". To top it off it has the added interest of a recent stamp from the January Shackleton set showing crew aboard Endurance and cancelled with a pictorial handstamp which was available on the day of issue. As you can see, the cover is addressed to S. Borten, Buenos Aires. A very nice interesting cover with lots going on.

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The two covers below are more recent. Fig.7 – Is a cover produced for the Extreme Endeavours stamp issue of 29/04/03. It bears the E.E. Retail Booklet cancelled with Shackleton House, London and it has a Shackleton Associates meter mark dated 29/04/03. The cover has been further enhanced, depending upon your point of view, by the addition of the Endurance Ship stamp from the January Shackleton set cancelled “Endurance Shackleton Expedition 1914-1916, 7 January 2016.

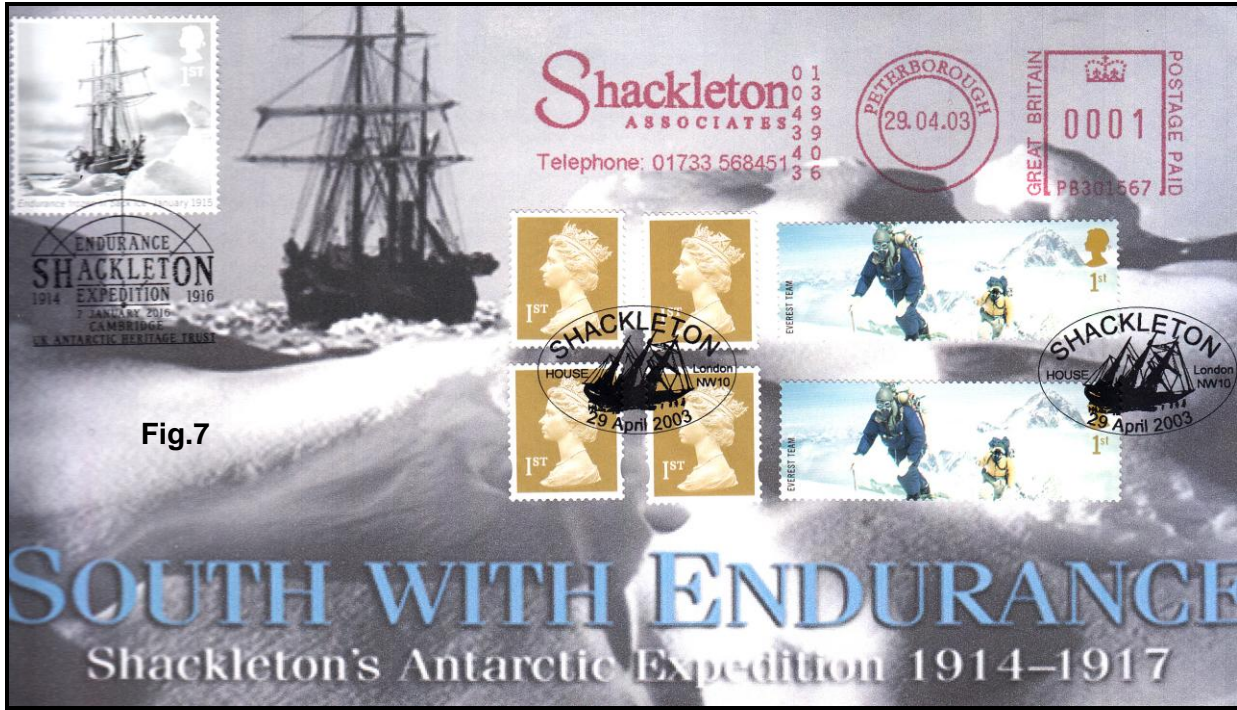


Fig.8 – Is a British Antarctic Territories ‘Break-up of Larsen B Ice Shelf’ First Day Cover bearing a set of 4 BAT stamps cancelled with what is presumably, BAT, FDI 14/11/2007. The cover has been further enhanced by the addition of a complete set of Shackleton stamps cancelled 7 January 2016.



We would like to thank Nick Larner for submitting the cover images shown in this article.

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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1987	Scot. Heraldry Ettrick & Lauderdale	(slogan)	£16
1987	Christmas	Regent Street C.D.S.	£8
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1988	Armada	Sighting of Amarda BF2179PS (official)	£12
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1992	Europa	Royal Belfast Hospital Belfast (official)	30
1993	Autumn	New Lanark Visitors Centre	£6
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1994	Postcards	Britain's Most Northernmost Post Office	£6
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1995	Christmas	Travelling Post Office C.D.S.	£7
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1996	Cinema	Thank You for Choosing Royal Mail (slogan)	£7
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1997	Royal Wedding	Redhill Philatelic Society	£10
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1998 Christmas on the Bradbury VP127 official with a Nasareth cancel	£2
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1993	84	Timekeepers	Greenwich
1993	85	Orchids	RBG Edinburgh
1993	87	R. Britain	Fishbourne Chichester
1993	88	Inland Waterways	Stoke Bruerne
1993	90	S. Holmes	Crowborough
1993	91	Christmas	Old Curiosity Shop London

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1937 Coronation. Border display cover triple dated with Abdication and Edward's Wedding Day. P.A.VERY SCARCE	£65
1940 Stamp Centenary Dundee CDS on James Chalmers cover. Opened and neatly resealed. Neat H.A.	£30
1948 Olympics Air Letter with Games slogan T.A.	£10
1953 5d, 8d and 1/- defines on unusual orange and blue illustrated cover P.A.	£20
1960 Europa on Newlands Road cover T.A.	£13
1961 POSB Blythe Road CDS T.A.	£100
1963 Lifeboats (ord) Dover (lifeboat station) CDS T.A.	£35
1964 FRB (ord) FPO 1050 CDS and Royal Engineers Mobile Display cachet H.A.	£20
1965 Churchill (ord) relevant Harlow CDS (Churchill was Harlow's MP) neat H.A.	£10
1966 Birds (ord) cover O/P for opening of Barnstaple P.O. Barnstaple CDS T.A.	£8
1966 Technology ord/phos combined Hastings FDI U.A.	£30
1966 Hastings ord/phos combined Hastings FDI lovely calligraphy address to Harold Hill!!	£28
1967 Paintings relevant Windsor CDS P.A.	£40
1968 Bridges relevant unrecorded Abington, CamBRIDGE CDS U.A.	£10
1969 Cooks Book strip with unrecorded "In Commemoration of the Halfcrown" H/S P.L.	£10
1970 Christmas Lilleshall Official P.L. RARE	£250
1973 Painters Royal Academy official P.A.	£50
1973 (10 Sept) 3p gum arabic plus 1p, 2p 3p PVA/dextrin Windsor CDS U.A.	£50
1974 UPU Carisbrooke CDS on Mountbatten Isle of Wight cover P.L. Cat £125	£35
1975 Architecture Greenwich CDS RARE P.A.	£200
1975 Jane Austen with Jane Austin slogan U.A.	£200
1975 Reformers Pelton CDS P.A.	£110

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1976 Cultural Llangollen CDS P.L.	£28
1976 6.5p/8.5p horizontal coils Windsor H/S P.L.	£180
1977 9p Silver Jubilee Silver Jubilee Appeal slogan U.A.	£5
1978 Energy cover O/P Petroleum Philatelic Soc. & West Sole Field H/S P.A.	£8
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1978 Horses Ascot CDS P.A.	£40
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1979 Dogs Hounds Hill CDS P.A.	£60
1979 Police Port of London official neat H.A. (as usual)	£45
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1982 Cars 15.5p value on Rhodes Rhodes Ltd Raffle Ticket cover T.A.	£2
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21.06.72	Churches Official FDC Ongar p/m on 3p stamp	£18
21.06.72	Churches Letheringsett (Philart) 5p stamp only	£19
21.06.72	Churches St. Andrew (large cover) 3p stamp Dr. address slight stain	£12
21.06.72	Churches FEST of Birkswell Official 5 stamps (Cat. £250)	£175
21.06.72	Earls Barton 3p stamp Plain Cover Address	£6
26.04.72	Anniversaries Forces P/O Official	£15
13.09.72	BBC Forces P/O Official	£15
09.05.72	Bedford Rotary Club 50 Years Tutankamun 3p stamp	£12
19.04.03	GBFDC 12 Official Extreme Endeavours	£35
12.03.96	GB 2 Derek Williams Wildfire and Wetlands	£50
13.05.97	GB 6 Derek Williams Tales of Terror	£19
05.09.00	GB 42 Derek Williams Mind and Matter	£19
24.02.98	GB 11 Derek Williams Queen's Beasts	£19
08.02.01	GB 47 Derek Williams Occasions	£18
12.09.57	Inter Parliamentary Union London SW H/S (Cat £150)	£75

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Date	Issue	Description	Price
May 1940	Centenary Set	Pln FDC addressed British Pavilion at New York's World Fair	£5
June 1977	Silver Jubilee	PO FDC with 9p + Cardiff 'The Queen's Silver Jubilee Philatelic Exhibition' slogan + label	£5
July 1985	Royal Mail	Bromley Post Office FDC Official with Bromley cds Cat £45	£25
July 1985	Royal Mail	Nat Assoc Boy's Clubs Official	£35
Jan 1989	Greetings	RM Reg. FDC with Lover cds Cat £25	£5
Apr 1989	Anniversaries	RM FDC with Manchester Stampway to the World slogan Cat £15	£4
Oct 1989	Lord Mayor	RM FDC with Autumn Stampex slogan + label Cat £15	£4
Jan 1990	P Black Anni	Bradbury FDC LFDC83 with Be properly addresses slogan Cat £20	£5
Jan 1990	P Black Anni	RM FDC with take a Break in beautiful Bath slogan - Label Cat £20	£5
Apr 1990	Award to Ind.	Stuart FDC with Carlisle 1 st Pillar Box SHS	£8
May 1990	P Black Anni	Covercraft FDC with BPF SHS Cat £30	£5
Oct 1990	Astronomy	RM FDC with Autumn Stampex slogan - blank Cat £15	£4

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Aug 1997	Sub Post Off.	GBFDC – G8 with Beddgelert SHS 131 of 150	£20
Nov 1997	Golden Jubilee	Defence & Courier Services FDC Official with BFPS 2557 SHS	£10
May 2000	Queen's Stamps	Benham FDC BLCS183 with Stamp Show Westminster SHS Cat £20	£5
Nov 2000	Spirit & Faith	Pilgrim FDC official with Walton on Thames SHS No. 55 of 100 Cat £20	£5
Dec 2002	Wildings MS	Benham BLCS241 FDC with Buckingham Palace Rd SHS Cat £15	£4
May 2003	Wildings MS	Mercury FDC Official with George St SHS Cat £15	£4
Jan 2007	Beatles	RM FDC Liverpool SHS doubled with 2x Mini Skirt 1st 17th Sept 2009	£15
Mar 2007	World of Invent (S)	Stampex FDC official with Stampex Spring Exhibition SHS	£10
Mar 2007	World of Invent (MS)	Stampex FDC official with Stampex Spring Exhibition SHS	£10
Feb 2011	Locomotives MS	RM FDC with PTS Classic Locomotives SHS	£5
May 2015	Europhilex MS	RM FDC with Europhilex SHS + label	£30
3 rd Nov 1941	KGV 3d Def	Pale Violet Pln FDC. Hinge marks on back Cat £85 H/written	£15
16 th Sep 1968	2/- Bklt both panes	Philart FDC with Canterbury CDS Cat £30	£6
16 th Sep 1968	10/- Scott Bklt 3 panes	Philart FDC with Canterbury CDS Cat £90	£18
6 th Jan 1969	4d & 8d Machins	Stuart FDC with Daily Mail Olympia SHS	£4
3 rd Oct 1979	£1 Ironbridge Bklt	Tied with left selvedge on GPO FDC Windsor FDI – Label	£30
10 th Aug 1993	Beatrix Potter PSB	Bradbury FDC 4 panes with mixed SHS Cat £60	£12
18 th Mar 1997	1 st & 2 nd NVIs	Benham BLCS Sp4 FDC signed by Arnold Machin Cat £20	£10
12 th May 1999	1 st Retail Bklt pane	RM FDC with Buckingham Palace cds	£18
21 st Sep 1999	2 nd Retail Bklt pane	RM FDC with Farmers cds plus bkl cover (not tied)	£4
21 st Sep 1999	2 nd Retail Bklt pane	Benham FDC with Detling SHS Cat £15	£4
21 st Mar 2000	Postman Pat Label	Bradbury FDC with the Children's Favourite Postman SHS signed by cover designer Cat £20	£5
4 th Apr 2000	Botanic Gdns Label	Benham FDC with Llanarthne (Bees) SHS Cat £10	£2.50
26 th May 2000	3 rd Retail Bklt pane	Benham FDC BLCS184 with Above & Beyond Leicester SHS Cat £15	£4
5 th Sep 2000	4 th Retail Bklt pane	Benham BLCS191 with Trans Pennine Trail SHS Cat £20	£3
4 th Sep 2001	P & Judy tied Bklt	RM FDC SA Covent Garden SHS - Blank Cat £15	£4
2 nd May 2002	Airliners tied Bklt	Payne official cover with Lindbergh SHS No. 10 of 25	£18
4 th Mar 2003	Hello SA tied cyl Bklt	B Alan FDC with Windsor FDI Cat £20	£5
29 th April 2003	Endeavours tied cyl Bklt	Stick with Stamps FDC with Polemarch St, Seaham SHS Cat £20	£5
29 th April 2003	Endeavours tied cyl Bklt	Stick with Stamps FDC with Summit Littleborough cds Cat £20	£5
16 th Mar 2004	NI Bklt tied	Cotswold FDC with Bushmills SHS Cat £15	£4
15 th Feb 1994	To Pay	RM FDC with Windsor SHS	£5

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13/03/01 Weather M/S	Sheridan Weather Centre, Manchester official	£40
25/02/03 Secret of Life (DNA)	Sheridan Genetic Interest Group official	£40
25/03/03 Fun Fruit & Veg full pane	on Sheridan Covent Garden official	£40
25/03/03 Fun Fruit & Veg	Sheridan Covent Garden official with Harvestime M/M	£45
20/05/03 Wilding M/S Collection 2	Sheridan official (one only)	£45
26/02/04 LOTR	Sheridan King Arthur's Labyrinth official	£40
16/09/04 Endangered Species	Sheridan British Dear Society official (only one)	£45
15/06/04 British Journey Wales Retail Booklet	Sheridan Portmeirion official	£40
15/06/04 British Journey Wales single set	Sheridan Portmeirion official	£40
21/03/06 Ice Age Animals	Sheridan Save the Rhino official.	£40
21/03/06 Ice Age Animals	Sheridan Save the Rhino off. with Friends of the Earth M/M	£45
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08/01/08 Ian Fleming M/S	Sheridan Leo Casino official (only one available)	£40

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07/01/10 Classic Albums PSB Panes on 4 Sheridan Music for All (Music Industries Association) official covers	£55
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25/02/10 Royal Society Sheridan Catalyst Museum official with RSC (Royal Society of Chemistry) M/M official.	£45
25/02/10 Royal Society Sheridan Catalyst Museum official with Institute of Physics M/M official.	£45
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06/05/10 KGV Accession M/S Sheridan KGV College with Royal Society of St. George M/M official.	£45
08/05/10 KGV London 2010 Festival of Stamps M/S British Empire Exhibition official	£40
08/05/10 Machins Exhibition Souvenir M/S on Sheridan British Empire Exhibition official (only 38 produced. One available)	£55

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12/08/97 Sub P.O.s NVR FDC cancel TPO Restoration Scheme Nene Valley Railway, Peterborough S/H. Addition of NVR 25p stamp cancelled NVR, Wansford 12/08/97	£8
12/08/97 Sub P.O.s RM FDC also bearing full set of 3 Philypia 1970 5d, 9d, & 1/6d stamps, 25p Rowland Hill stamp & 13.5p N.I. Machin. All cancelled with Letter, Enniskillen double ring CDS. A unique cover as the pre decimal stamps also cancelled. A very nice item.	£20
09/09/97 Enid Blyton set on gutter pairs over two covers. One a 4d Post with Early Education M/M & Centenary of Enid Blyton, Beaconsfield S/H. The other a RM FDC with Variety Club M/M & Variety Club S/H. A unique pair of covers	£15
09/09/97 Enid Blyton RM FDC Harper Collins Publishers M/M & Centenary Enid Blyton, East Dulwich S/H	£5
27/10/97 Xmas Crackers NYMR FDC cancel FDI York. Additional 25p NYMR stamp cancelled Merry Christmas From The NYMR. Grosmont 27/10/97	£8
13/11/97 Golden Wedding commem set on NYMR FDC cancel FDI York. Additional 25p NYMR stamp cancelled Royal Golden Wedding NYMR (Train) Grosmont 13/11/97	£8
29/09/98 Speed RM FDC (stamps with cylinder numbers in the margins on cover) with Ferrari Owner Club M/M (very rare meter mark for this issue) Silverstone S/H	£20
05/10/99 Soldiers Bridge Over the River Kwai FDC cancel 60th Anniversary of the Outbreak of WWII, The Cenotaph S/H No.40 of 50 produced.	£30
10/04/01 Submarines U-Boat Encounter national Maritime Museum official cover BFPO 2628 (JSCC)	£20
10/07/01 Pond Life Battle of Britain Memorial official BFPO 2640 official cover JSCC)	£15

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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.

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



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

Dear Editor,

Complete Sheet GB First Day Covers

I saw Mr Goodacre's comment on these in the February 2016 issue of First Day Coverage. Some years ago I bought a group of about 40 of these complete sheets in a Spink Auction. Most were first day versions, but there were a number of definitive ones which were not. Also there were different dated sheets for the 1980 Stamp Exhibition commemorative issue.

I have been slowly selling these, mainly through Brian Reeve and in fact he took the last group of complete sheets just a few weeks ago. Brian and other dealers have always said that while these complete sheets were probably unique, they were not very appealing to collectors because of their size.

In my opinion the sheets were done by, or for, someone working in a local post office and once mounted and postmarked they went straight in to their stamp collection. Obviously, because of their size, they were never sent through the post!

I must say that I have always liked them and though initially they found a place in to my collection, it was their size that finally made me decide to sell them.

Jeffrey Booth

**We would like to thank Jeffrey for supplying feedback about these complete sheet first day covers. His letter helps complete what we know about them to date.*

FREE PRIZE DRAW

Don't Forget - Every letter and article published gains free entry into our Prize Draw for a sought after AGM cover. Draw for 2016 will take place during the AGM 2015 on Sunday 16th October 2016 at the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7NF Tel: 0121 360 1484

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04/09/01 Punch & Judy 4d Post FDC with W&S Punch logo M/M cancel Punch & Judy Fellowship, Covent Garden S/H	£8
25/04/02 Q. Mother memorial RM FDC cancelled Windsor a Great Park CDS	£5
02/05/02 Airlines 40th Anniversary of the VC10 RAF Brize Norton FDC signed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beavis	£15
02/05/02 Airlines RM FDC with BAA Taking Off for the 21st Century M/M & Gatwick S/H	£6
20/08/02 Peter Pan Malet a Lambert School official with Malet Lambert School M/M & Malet Lambert School official H/S	£25
18/10/02 Pillar to Post RM FDC with Neopost (letter logo) M/M & Send CDS	£9
25/02/03 Secret of Life (DNA) RM FDC with Police, Northampton M/M & Crick & Watson, Cambridge S/H	
25/02/03 Microcosmos PSB panes on 4 Cotswold covers. Each cancelled with different S/Hs.	£18
27/03/03 Europe & Worldwide Airmail self adhesive stamps RM FDC with Airbus M/M. Cover also has Airlines full set on the cover. All stamps cancelled by Historic Moments in Aviation 27/03/03.	£15
07/06/05 TTC set on BFPO official FDC cancelled BFPO 2855	£12
21/09/06 VC set taken from PSB (it's easy to recognise this as stamps are se-tenant and have 2 margins on cover) on Stampex official cover with Business Design Centre M/M & cancelled with FDI Stampex Victoria Cross S/H (Possibly a unique cover).	£20

- END OF SALE -

Auction Deadlines

Spring GBFDC auction April/ Dear Members,

- 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)

SHERIDAN FIRST DAY COVER CHAT GROUP FACEBOOK

There is a Facebook page called 'Sheridan First Day Cover Chat Group'. Please type the name in to the search area at the top of your own Facebook page and request to join the group. Joining is immediate. This page is not just for chat about Sheridan Covers, but about all things First Day Cover and philatelic related. Members can sell and exchange covers on the site and can request friends within our FB circle. It is a Closed Group so you can feel safe commenting whilst on the page.

Once we have enough members we will be running special offers only available to members of FB Sheridan First Day Cover Chat Group. We will also run competitions to win valuable covers. Make sure you are a member of Facebook Sheridan First Day Cover Chat Group in order to obtain the best from the site. Thank you.

Phil Sheridan

GENERAL NEWS FROM ROYAL MAIL

British Postmark Bulletin

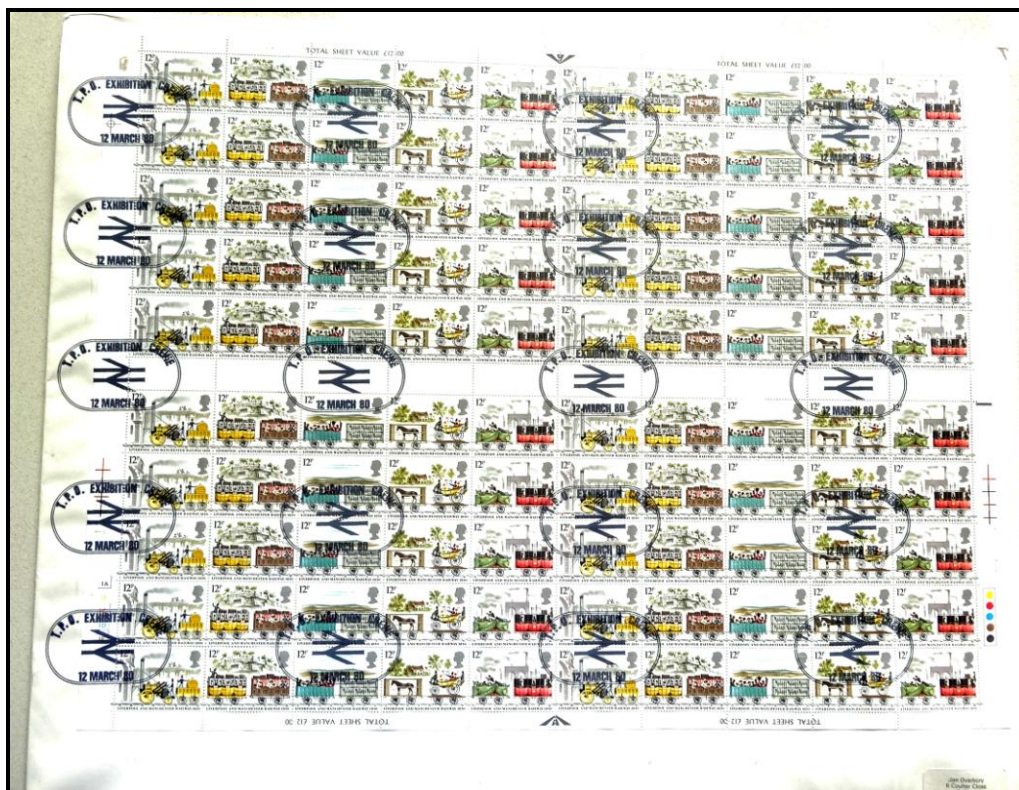
Royal Mail has stated: "As part of our Postmark review and our strategy to make Postmarking more accessible we are pleased to confirm that the Postmark Bulletin will now become a free service. We have also moved the Postmark Bulletin online so that the details on all Postmarks are accessible to the widest possible audience via the link below. A hard copy version will still be available for those without internet access."

<http://www.royalmail.com/personal/stamps-collectibles-gifts/postmark-bulletins>

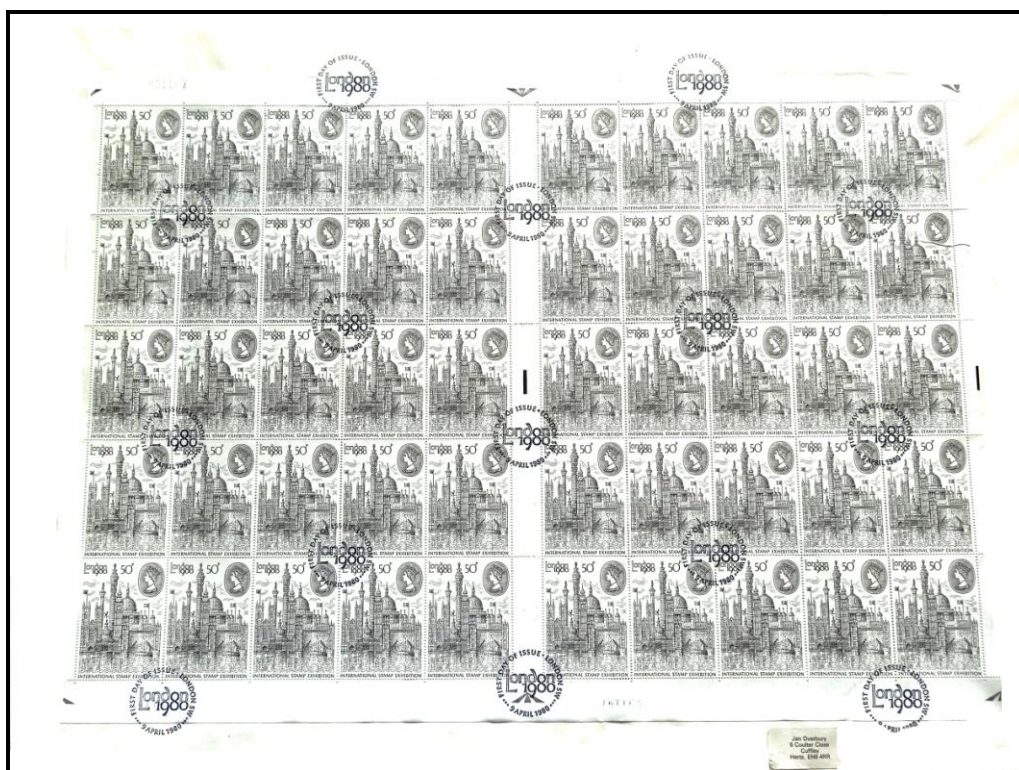
Royal Mail500 Stampex Overprinted Miniature Sheet.

It was also confirmed that 1232 limited edition overprints were unsold at the end of the Stampex and are being destroyed.

FEEDBACK ON FULL SHEET FDCs



We received valuable feedback to Selwyn Goodacre's article on complete sheets of stamps cancelled on cover, page 20 First Day Coverage No.131 February 2016. Jeffrey Booth has sent feedback which you will find in the Letter to the Editor page 15.



Neil Chapman has submitted these full sheet First Day Covers. The top sheet is the Liverpool to Manchester Railway 12 March 1980. The sheet comprises of 20 full set strips all cancelled with T.P.O. Exhibition Crewe handstamp and is a nice item to have because the full set is complete on one large sheet.

Neil's other large FDC is for the London 1980 Stamp Exhibition cancelled with FDI London handstamp, and again I like this one because there was only one stamp in the issue so one complete sheet is all there is to collect.

We would like to thank Neil very much for sending them in.

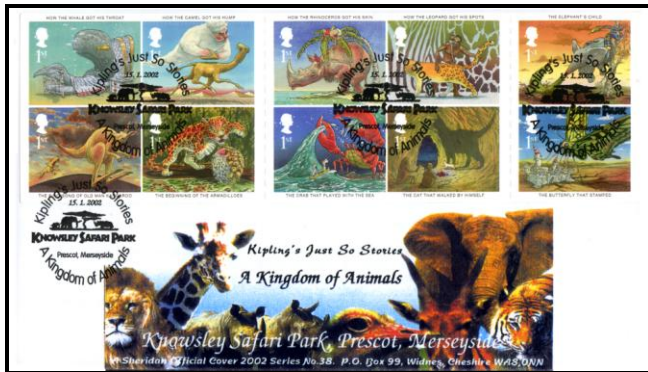
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Our first official cover for this year is for Animail self adhesive pane of stamps 17th May 2016.

Full pane on Sheridan Zoo Animail, Chester Official cover priced **£17.25 inc. p/p.**

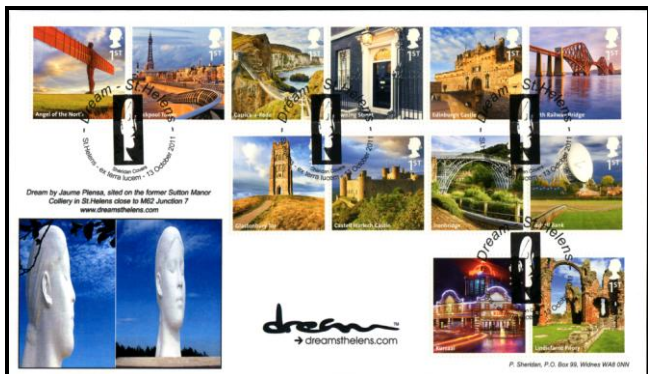
Scarce Sheridan First Day Covers bought in. I haven't seen any of these on the market so a very rare chance to acquire them.



15/01/02 Just So Stories (Full self adhesive pane) on Sheridan Knowsley Safari Park official - £45 (only one)



19/07/05 Motorcycles on Sheridan Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum official - £45 (only one)



13/10/11 A-Z Britain on Sheridan The Dream, St. Helens official - £45 (only one)



17/09/09 Naval Uniforms on Sheridan Historical Maritime Society official - £45 (only one)

ANNOUNCEMENT - Sheridan Official Covers will begin 2016 with an official cover for Animail on 17th May 2016. We will produce a cover for everyone on our list from last year's Bees issue who are in our order book. Please note **our new landline telephone number: 0151 510 1409**. Other mobile telephone numbers are: **07975 858 815 / 07939 832 184**. If we are unable to take your call please leave your name and telephone number and we will get back to you. Of course we are available by email at: Sheridanfdcsc@aol.com

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Very many thanks, Phil.

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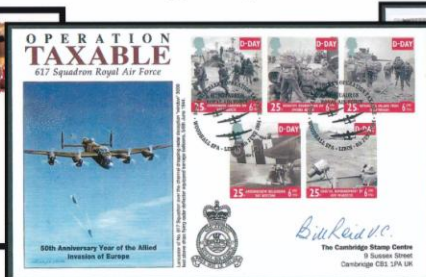
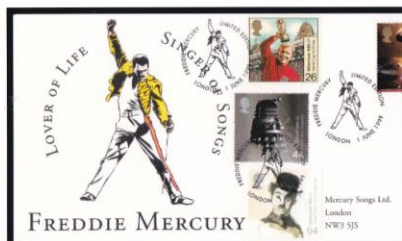
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