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From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the December 2016 edition of First Day Coverage, and our last newsletter as Hon. Editors.

Commencing February 2017 your new Hon. Editor takes over from Dot and I. All the

details you need to know are on page 8 together with a letter from your Chairman, Richard Park, and a letter from Dot and I as retiring editors.

Your new Hon. Editor is Mark Gosling, P.O. Box 103, Hampton Court KT8 8ED and ALL material for the newsletter should be sent to Mark's address (as below) from now on. We would like you to support Mark as much as you have supported us over the years. Change is always unsettling but necessary in order for the association to continue to evolve and grow. Mark is an accomplished editor and cover producer in his own right so he is more than capable to take over this newsletter and the association official covers. Dot and I are looking forward to receiving the newsletter and not already know what is in it. It's exciting for us to be able to sit back and receive well edited newsletters and excellent Club FDCs.

However, and this is a major factor in the newsletter growing and becoming better than it's ever been, and that is YOU! It is up to you, the members, to provide material such as articles, letters and MCS list for your newsletter. Please support Mark by finding material to publish in forthcoming newsletters.

At this time of the year when the Christmas holidays are gathering pace and excitement is building, shopping and cleaning is to be done in readiness for the full two week holiday season, it's very easy to forget about your newsletter. Many years we have found material for the February newsletter very thin on the ground. Christmas and New Year are family times and the last thing you all want to be thinking about is GBFDC. However please do keep your newsletter in mind over the holiday and search through your albums for an article to publish. It doesn't have to be brilliantly laid out, just send in your text and colour copies of covers, if they are to be used to illustrate your article, to Mark Gosling in good time for

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Important Notice

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2017 EDITION Items for publication MUST be with the editor by 7th January 2017

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.....

the deadline date of the 7th January. The beauty of me and Dot becoming 'just an ordinary member' is we can submit articles and letters for publication and continue advertising our covers for sale, as we do now.

We hope you enjoy what we have put together for you inside this issue, again, with the generous help of our team of superb newsletter contributors.

On page 5 we have the auction of the AGM2016 official covers left over from the AGM day. This auction is only for those members who were unable to attend the AGM for whatever reason. Please send your bids in to Terry Barnett as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment. A reminder of what the cover looks like, along with details of bidding are on page 5.

The Member Cover Sale (MCS) is not as well used by the ordinary members as we would like. Very often it is left to committee members to fill it up. Please, everyone, gather together your unwanted and duplicated covers and send them in to Mark Gosling by email or post for inclusion in to the February edition of Coverage

The MCS is a fantastic opportunity for you to sell, or exchange, your unwanted covers free of charge. If you have the Internet/email, then please email

your sale list to Mark for listing in forthcoming newsletters. If you do not have access to email then please type out or hand write your lists but please make them legible.

On pages 6 & 7 are the minutes of both the Committee Meeting on Saturday October 15th and the AGM Minutes on Sunday October 16th, 2016.

We have several interesting articles on pages 13 through to 16 and we hope you enjoy reading them.

We have a pretty long editorial as we have removed the Pub Meetings from the front page. They no longer take place so it was irrelevant including them. If you wish to advertise a pub or café meeting then please contact Mark and it will be included in the newsletter.

As we are coming towards the end of our final editorial in this newsletter, all that remains is for us both to sav it has been an honour to serve on the GBFDC Committee for the last 18 years, and to serve you, the ordinary member.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year.

This is Phil & Dot saying goodbye as Hon. Editor's to you all and handing over to Mark Gosling.

Phil Sheridan & Dot, Hon. Editors.

GBFDC Official Covers for 2017

We have decided to produce three Club Official covers again next year, plus the AGM cover for 2017. It's very difficult to predict which covers we will be doing as it is dependant on so many eventualities, plus, of course, we will have a new cover producer who needs to study what will be best to cover.

The covers will be Limited to the number of applicants. To avoid disappointment please let Terry have your order and cheque, using the application form below, as soon as possible.

if anyone wishes to pay into Terry's PayPal then that will be acceptable, and also if anyone wishes to pay directly in to Terry's bank account then please contact him direct for the account details.

GBFDC Association Official Cover 2017 Application form For All Three Covers
Please send me all Three GBFDC official covers: at £49.50
NameAddress
PostcodeTel:
Email address (where applicable)
CHEQUES WITH ALL ORDERS PLEASE
Make cheques payable to 'GBFDC' and send to:
Terry Barnett, 7 Mackets Lane, Hunts Cross, Liverpool L25 0QA

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

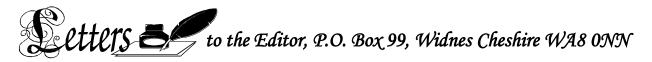
Email: terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk

GBFDC 2017 AGM

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We have arranged the 2017 AGM/Cover Fair for Sunday 22nd October 2017 at the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham, B43 7NF.

A lunchtime buffet will available prior to the AGM at around 1pm



Dear Editor....

I was delighted to read the letter from Mike Brazier. So he produced the Scouts Athol covers – it just shows you how important it is to read the Newsletter – a mine of important new information. None of the catalogues say that he produced the covers – the information is invaluable

Selwyn Goodacre (Woodville, South Derbyshire)

Dear Editor....

What a lovely surprise to the BFSA Official Cover produced by the association after my name was drawn out of the hat at the recent AGM - I really will treasure it.

Please pass on my thanks to the committee.

I hope to continue writing for our publication and will forward something shortly.

Nigel McGarry

Please send in your letters to the editor for publication. Every member who submits a letter or an article that is published will be entered in to our Prize Draw for a sought after AGM official cover.

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 2017 will take place during the AGM 2017 on Sunday 22nd October 2017 at the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7NF Tel: 0121 360 1484

Auction Deadlines

- Spring GBFDC Auction 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

BRADBURY BRITISH FIRST DAY COVER CATALOGUE

A must for all first day cover collectors is the 35th edition of the British First Day Cover catalogue due out in mid December.

With over 250 pages and priced at £29.75 (+ £3.25 p&p) it is superb value for every collector. Available from Adrian Bradbury, 3 Link Road, Stoneygate, Leicester LE2 3RA or via his website

brad@bfdc.co.uk

AGM COVER AUCTION

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

For those Association members who were unable to attend the AGM we now have four official AGM covers available.

We have produced **60** covers for this issue and four covers are available to members only for auction at, a minimum bid of £25 each.

Please let me have your bids no later than **20th December** 2016.

Any unsold covers will be auctioned in the Association auction at a later date.

All proceeds will go to Association funds.

Terry Barnett Honorary Secretary

A reminder of what the AGM2016 cover looks like. For member information only





MERRY CHRISTMAS
& Happy New Year
to Everyone

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 15th 2016

The Chairman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and introduced Mark and Tracy Gosling.

Apologies were received from Dot Radley.

The minutes of the Committee meeting of 24th February were read and agreed on as being a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Richard thanked both Phil and Dot for their work over the last 18 years for the Association.

He advised that membership was fairly static at 228. The latest member's renewal requests has resulted in three resignations and that there were still a number to pay.

The hardcopy members stood at 108. Most of the recent new members have been via the website and that the flyers had not produced any new members.

David advised the meeting that the Associations finances were 'healthy' with over £13,000 in hand, although £2-3,000 is due to be paid out to cover 2016 expenses.

A suggestion to advertise the Association on the Stampex paper bags was put forward and Terry will make enquiries about the cost. David suggested that we change our year to 13 months, finishing in September 2017, to allow the Association to report the accounts more accurately as cover production costs will be known.

lan advised that little response had been received from the publicity attempts. Ian will contact the stamp magazines with a photo of the Association covers and a small up write to accompany them.

Phil gave a brief report on the cover and newsletter situation and apologised for the delays, due to ill health. She also advised that the outstanding covers will be made available before Christmas. Phil and Dot will produce the December newsletter and Mark will print and dispatch it.

It was agreed that Mark Gosling should be co-opted on to the Committee and after much discussion and exchange of ideas it was agreed that Mark would produce future newsletters and covers on behalf of the Association.

POSSIBLE issues for 2017 are Windsor M/S, Songbirds, Landmarks and Classic Toys for the AGM cover. The cost of the covers will increase from £14 to £16.50 to cover expected increased costs and VAT.

It was agreed that Phil and Dot should be made Lifetime Honorary members of the Association, should continue to receive a copy of each Association cover free and should be allowed free advertising in the newsletter as required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.	

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER 2016

The Chairman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Apologies were received from various members.

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The minutes of the AGM of $18^{\rm th}$ October 2015 were read and agreed on a proposal from Steve Newton and seconded by Richard Howe.

Richard thanks the committee for all their hard work with special thanks going to Phil and Dot for their work over the last 18 years for the Association. At this point the Association presented Phil and Dot with some flowers in appreciation for all their hard work.

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Richard introduced Mark Gosling advising that he would be taking over from Phil and Dot in doing the covers and the newsletter.

It was agreed that both Phil and Dot should be made Honorary Lifetime members of the Association, should continue to receive a free Association cover each and should be allowed free advertising in the newsletter as required.

Richard advised the meeting that we would again be doing three covers in 2017 plus the AGM cover. To cover the increased production costs and the VAT, the cost of the covers will rise from £14 to £16.50 each.

He advised that the membership was fairly static at 228. The latest members renewal requests has resulted in three resignations and that there we still a number to pay. The hardcopy members stood at 108. Most of the recent new members

Have been via the website and that the flyers had not produced any new members.

Richard pointed out that the Association auction was now on line and that he had a few hard copy catalogues with him.

The membership was also reminded that the Association had a Facebook site.

David advised the meeting that the Associations finances were 'healthy' with over £13,000 in hand, although £2-3,000 is due to be paid out to cover 2016 expenses. David suggested that we change our year to 13 months, finishing in September 2017, to allow the Association to report the accounts more accurately as cover production costs will be known.

The accounts were accepted on a proposal by Ken Brown and seconded by Peter Maslak.

Phil gave a brief report on the cover and newsletter situation and apologised for the delays, due to ill health. She also advised that the outstanding covers will be made available before Christmas. Phil and Dot will produce their final newsletter in December.

Phil thanked everyone for their support over the years and also thanked the membership for the flowers.

Nigel McGarry won the draw for the AGM cover.

Terry Hurlstone gave a short talk of his 50 years in cover producing which everyone enjoyed.

There being no further business the AGM closed at 1.35pm

Can Anyone Identify the Signature on this FDC please?



GBFDC Member, Tony White, would like to know if anyone can recognise the signature on this cover?

Please send replies to the newsletter Hon. Editor, Mark Gosling, at the address provided on page 8 for publication.

Thank you.

Dear Members,

As no doubt most of you have heard, GBFDC is under going a major change, as Phil & Dot as Editor & Assistant Editor of First Day Coverage, are retiring at the end of this year. It's the end of an era and the start of another, as we welcome Mark Gosling of FDCovers onboard to continue where Phil & Dot have left off.

Phil & Dot have produced GBFDC's highly collectable Official Limited Edition Covers for many years, cover production will also move across to FDCovers in 2017. Those of you who have seen any of Mark's covers will be aware of their quality and innovative designs. So we look forward to more great GBFDC Official Covers in future years.

This is the last of many excellent newsletters produced & edited by Phil & Dot. I feel sure our members would like to pass on their very best wishes to Phil & Dot, and GBFDC Committee and I would like to thank them both for all their hard work over the last 18 years. We presented them with a bouquet at our AGM in October. Please keep in touch, Phil & Dot, we hope to see you both at future AGM's.

Mark, no doubt will have his own ideas how the newsletter will look, and I hope GBFDC members will support him with articles, letters, interesting topics & advertising.

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Website: <u>www.fdcovers.com</u>

Richard Park

Chairman & Auctioneer GBFDC

Special Announcement -

As mentioned in the October edition of Coverage, ill-health has prevented us from doing our work for GBFDC to a satisfactory level and for this we apologise sincerely. It has caused lengthy delays in getting out GBFDC covers and Newsletters. We decided it was time for us to retire from our work for GBFDC. This newsletter is our last and we end the year on a high note as we hand over to Mark Gosling of FDCovers (address and other details above). We are very proud of what we achieved in the 18 years we worked for GBFDC. As we said before, it's a way of life, not a hobby if it's done properly.

We know your newsletter and GBFDC official covers will be in excellent hands. Mark Gosling's covers are excellent and you can be assured he will produce GBFDC covers to the same high standard. Mark and his team will also be able to take your newsletter to even bigger heights than we could only dream about. He has state of the art machines and a dedicated staff.

We know you will support Mark just as much as you have Dot and I over the years. However we also hope you will send in **even more** material so there are articles in hand for future newsletters too for Mark to use.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank from the bottom of our hearts all newsletters contributors over the years (you know who you are), and to say to you that your new editor will need you just as much as we did and we know you will support him

We would also like to thank our fellow committee members who have all become friends over the years. It has been a pleasure to work with you. Thank you all very much for your very generous gifts of life membership, free GBFDC official covers for Dot and I, and free advertising in the newsletter, along with the beautiful flowers presented to us at the AGM. We feel very sad right now but it is the right thing to do. We really DO know what we will do with all our spare time ③. We will still be around because we will still be selling our covers in the newsletter every issue. So you won't know we are gone. **Thank you to everyone**.

Phil & 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.

Contact Details:- Peter Middleton 331 Wollaton Rd. NOTTINGHAM NG8 1FQ

ALL C.D.S. COVERS FULL SETS

1990 Queen's Award	Queen's Road	£4
1990 Queen's Award	Walmar	£5
1990 Gallantry	St. George's Cross	£3
1990 Gallantry	St. George, Bristol	£3
1992 Happy & Glorious	Britannia	£3
1994 Channel Tunnel	England's Lane	£3
1994 D-Day	St. George's Cross	£3
1994 Christmas	Jerusalem	£4
1995 Cats	Catfield	£3
1995 Nat. Trust	Land's End or John O' Groats	£6
1995 Globe Theatre	Stratford upon Avon	£3
1995 Globe Theatre	Old Swan	£3
1995 Rugby	Huddersfield	£3
1995 Christmas	Hollybush	£3
1996 Wildfowl	Drake	£3
1996 Wildfowl	Broad Marsh	£3
1996 Wildfowl	Freezywater	£3
1996 Football	Wembley Park	£10
1997 Great Tudor	Tudor Square	£7
1997 Faith	Hope	£4
1997 Terror	Shelley	£4
1997 Golden Wedding	Queen Elizabeth Ave.	£5
1997 Comedians	Giggleswick	£5
1997 Health	Healing	£6
1997 Magical Worlds	Big Top or Lilliput	£6

- Part Postage Appreciated -

Covers for Sale. Please contact Terry Barnett 0151 486 2610 or email terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk

If you would like a photocopy/scan of any cover please contact me. All of these covers are 4d Post covers, unaddressed and are all £2 each.

1996 Cinema - Leicester Square cancel 1996 Queens 70th Birthday – Windsor cancel 1996 Olympics - Crystal Palace cancel 1997 Hong Kong sheetlet – Chinatown cancel 1997 G. Wedding – Windsor cancel 1997 Enid Blyton – Beaconsfield cancel

1997 Post Offices – Tintagel cancel

1997 Queens Horses – Hyde Park Gardens	1999 Scientists Tale – Jodrell Bank cancel
1997 Golden Wedding Defins. – Windsor cancel	1999 Eclipse m/s – Falmouth cancel
1997 Missions of Faith – Isle of Iona cancel	1999 Farmers Tale – Budleigh Salterton cancel
1997 Christmas – Nasareth cancel	1999 Soldiers Tale – Whitehall cancel
1998 P. Diana – The Peoples Princess cancel	1999 Rugby sheetlet – Cardiff cancel
1998 Magical Worlds - Birmingham cancel	1999 Christians Tale – Bethlehem cancel
1998 Endangered Species – London Zoo cancel	2000 Millennium Timekeeper m/s Greenwich cancel
1998 Carnival – Notting Hill cancel	2000 Mind and Matter – Bristol cancel
1998 Speed – Coniston cancel	2000 Above and Beyond – Ravenglass cancel
1998 Christmas - Christmas Common cancel	2000 Botanical sheetlet – Llanarthne cancel
1999 Travellers Tales - Portsmouth cancel	2000 Life & Earth – Doncaster cancel
1999 Settlers Tales – Plymouth cancel	2000 Art and Craft – Stoke on Trent cancel
1999 Workers Tales – Blackburn cancel	2000 Stone and Soil – Salisbury cancel
1999 Berlin Airlift – Brize Norton cancel	2000 Tree and Leaf – Richmond cancel
1999 Milennium Retail book – Windsor cancel	2000 Q. Mother m/s – Glamis cancel
1999 R Wedding – Windsor Castle cancel	

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Contact Details:- Maurice Walmsley-Mwalmsley13@aol.com-Tel Nos. 01636 612425- 07860285638. Postage £1.00

2007	GBFDC Association AGM	Endangered Species-Birds cover	£125.00
2010	GBFDC Association AGM	Vulcan Foundry cover.	£140.00
2014	GBFDC Association AGM	Fort Perch Rock cover.	£120.00
2015	GBFDC Association AGM	The Bee Cause cover.	£130.00
2016	GBFDC Association AGM	The Great Fire of London cover.	£125.00
2014	GBFDC Association	Winter Greenery Post & Go cover.	£100.00
2015	GBFDC Association	Ironbridge Telford Shropshire cover	£110.00
2014	GBFDC Association	20th Anniversary Prime Ministers cover	£110.00
2000	GBFDC Association	Sir Roland Hill FDC Cover	£25.00.
2001	GB 51 Derek Williams -	Piccadilly Circus London Buses	£45.00
2003	GB 75 Derek Williams -	Shackleton Stamps cover. Scarce	£75.00
1996	GB 2 Derek Williams -	Wildfowl & Wetlands cover Scarce	£60.00
1996	GB 4 Derek Williams-	Malvern Morgan cover	£60.00
1997	GB 6 Derek Williams -	Tales of Terror cover	£50.00
1999	GB 19 Derek Williams-	The Wonder of Steam cover	£30.00.
1998	GB 17 Derek Williams-	Speed- Sir Malcolm Campbell	£35.00

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		Carry on Hammer - British Film Stamps.
		RAF Uniforms Stamps.
		Charles Darwin - Stamps.
		Fire & Rescue Stamps.
		Transports of Delight - M/Sheet,
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Maurice Walmsley- Mwalmsley13@aol.com- Tele 01636 612425- 07860285638

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

13.06.77 90p & 70p Booklet Panes on 2 Cotswold covers UA Windsor SH	
13.06.77 50p Booklet Panes on 2 Mirror Image on 2 Cotswold covers Windsor	
17.10.79 10pm Booklet Pane Windsor SH PO cover UA	
26.01.81 50p Booklet Panes Mirror Image on 2 PO covers Windsor SH UA	2.00

29.07.86 £1 Booklet Pane Cyl. No.B42 PO cover Windsor SH UA 3.0	00
29.07.86 50p Booklet Pane Cy. No. B29 B21 PO cover Windsor SH UA 1.2	20
12.08.86 50p Booklet Pane Cyl. No.B43 (no star underprint) Windsor SH UA 1.3	30
20.10.86 50p Bklt Pane Cyl.B21 B4 B30 (18p x 2, 13p x 1, 1p x 1) Windsor SH PO UA 1.5	50
20.10.86 50p Bklt Pane Cyl. B1 B24 B32 (13p x 3, 5p x 2, 1p x 1) Windsor SH PO UA 1.5	50
20.10.86 £1 Bklt Pane Cyl. B5 B26 (18p x 5, 13p x 1) Windsor SH PO UA 2.0	00
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20.10.86 £1.80 Bklt Pane Cyl. B2 (18p x 10) Windsor SH PO UA 3.0	0 C
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£1.00 Pane (18p x 5, 13p x 1) & £1.30 Pane (13p x 10) on PO covers all with	
Cyl. No's (all with new Phosphor ink) 4 covers 30.	00.0
10.09.91 50p Booklet Pane (24p x 2, 1p x 1) Cyl. No. Windsor SH PO UA + bklt cvr 1.5	
10.09.91 £1.00 Booklet Pane (24 x 4 2p x 2) Cyl. No. B20 B1 Windsor SH PO + Bklt cvr 2.5	50
17.04.90 £200, £1.50 & 80p Booklet Panes on 3 PO covers Windsor SH UA 10.	.00
30.01.90 £1, 80p & 60p Bklt Panes all printed by Walsall Printers & Walsall CDS PO UA 7.5	50
17.09.90 £1, 24p Bklt Pane (31p x 4 Cyl. No. W1 W1 with bklt cover PO Windsor UA 2.5	50
16.09.91 £1.32 & £1.56 Bklt Panes Cyl. No. with both bklt covers on 2 PO covers	
Windsor SH UA 5.0	
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03.02.98 Diana full set of stamps plus Caernarfon Castle £1.50 stamp Great	
Brington CDS PO cover UA 15.	5.00
Contact details: Phil Sheridan P.O. Box 99, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0NN Tel: 0151 510) 140

(Most covers are last ones) <u>20% Discount for this newsletter only.</u>

07.10.03 British Museum on Sheridan Egyptian Art official (Only one)	£50
02.11.04 Xmas single set on Sheridan 4C Charity Christmas Card Council official (Rare)	£40
02.11.04 Xmas M/S on Sheridan 4C Charity Christmas Card Council official (Very rare)	£45
02.11.04 Xmas set Sheridan 4C Charity Christmas Card Council off. & Happy New Year	
from Neopost M/M	£45
01.11.05 Xmas M/S on Sheridan Ilian Rachov Madonna & Child official	£40
01/11/05 Xmas Madonna & Child full set & M/S on Ilian Rachov double official cover (last one)	£60
07.11.06 Xmas set on Sheridan Donna's Dream House official	£40
07.11.06 Xmas M/S on Sheridan Donna's Dream House official	£40
09.01.07 Beatles M/S on Sheridan The Mersey Beat official cover (Very rare)	£50
20.09.07 Army Uniforms on Sheridan The Tank Museum official (Scarce)	£45
03.11.09 Xmas Generic Sheet. Full sheet on 4 Sheridan Westminster Cathedral official covers	
(Only 12 sets done – Last one)	£55
08.01.08 Ian Fleming M/S on Sheridan Leo Casino official	£40
08.01.08 Ian Fleming set PSB panes on 4 Sheridan Leo Casino off. (31 sets done – last set)	£40
05.02.08 Working Dogs. RM fdc Dogs for the Disabled meter mark & Isle of Dogs CDS	£8
05.02.08 Working Dogs. Sheridan International Sheep Dog Society official	£40
05.02.08 Working Dogs. Sheridan Dogs for the Disabled official	£40
05.02.08 Working Dogs. Sheridan Dogs for the Blind official	£40
10.06.08 Carry On/Hammer Films on Sheridan Woolton Picture House official	£40
17.07.08 Air Displays Sheridan Southport Air Show official	£40
04.11.08 Xmas set on Sheridan The Grand Theatre official	£40
04.11.08 Xmas set on Sheridan The Grand Theatre off. with The Grand Theatre M/M	£45
04.11.08 Xmas Generic Sheet on Sheridan The Grand Theatre x 4 official cvrs (12 sets done)	£55

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06.05.15 Penny Black Anniversary M/S on GBFDC No.54 official cover	£40

AN EARLY FDC CATALOGUE

It was fascinating to happen upon an early FDC catalogue when clearing out some files recently. It was a well thumbed version of the 6th edition of the Collectors Guide to GB FDC catalogue (84 pp) published by Bernard Townsend and Tony Buckingham (both sadly deceased) in 1976. Price 60p! Apart from the inevitable upward changes in prices, interestingly by no means uniform, the information given for each issue was relatively sparse compared to present day catalogues – Booth, Bradbury, Buckingham and Porter.

Abbreviations (there are 31 in my 2014 Bradbury) were confined to H/S, CDS, TPO, * difficult to obtain, ** very difficult to obtain and + pictorial or special handstamp. A lengthy paragraph was given over to the danger of forgeries – even then!

Early prices (£1 in 1976 is worth about 20p today) were quoted in a range, e.g. .1840 Penny Black on FDC - £1650 to £1800, KGVI Definitives (Pale colours) £35-£40, 1951 Festival of Britain on plain cover £1 - £2.

It is interesting to compare prices of certain issues over a period of 40 years and if anyone would like to know the figures for their favourite covers, please let me know.

CDSs were given scant prominence and, if quoted, were generally ½ the price of FDI postmarks. No mention of the various printed covers e.g. Cotswold, Philart etc and no reference to Official covers although these, as defined and interpreted today, were available from 1967. The distinction between illustrated and plain covers was stopped from 1966 for no apparent reason.

Only 19 examples of covers were illustrated in the catalogue (2 in colour) and the inclusion of postmarks was haphazard – some issues meriting up to 3 and others, especially Christmas, none at all.

All the above goes to show how well served both dealers and collectors are today with, for example, Booth's catalogue at 493 pp and Bradbury's at 268 pp, both volumes crammed with useful information.

Does anyone have an even earlier catalogue in their possession?

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STAMPEX & ROYAL MAIL 500

In response to Jonathan Guy's question in the June issue regarding his plain FDC with the numbered Stampex GPO Posters mini sheet on, the answer is yes I would have it in my collection.



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However, luckily as I live closer to London I was able to attend the first day of Stampex & obtain the special mini sheet & other first day items at the Royal Mail stand. After standing in 3 very long queues, one for Royal Mail items, one for the Post & Go machines & a third for obtaining exhibition hand stamps, I was able to complete my FDC's & PHQ postcards.

Whilst queuing I noticed that Andrew Davidson, the illustrator of the Post & Go Royal Mail Heritage transport stamps, issued on the same day, was on the stand signing items. I purchased extra envelopes, mini sheets & stamps & had the 3 items shown here signed by him:- a numbered Stampex GPO posters mini sheet on FDC; a second Stampex mini sheet on Stampex special issue PHQ card & a set of the Transport Post & Go stamps on FDC.

I encountered one problem on the day when the staff at the Royal Mail counter informed me they had no filler cards for the first day envelopes & advised me to phone the Philatelic Bureau & ask them to send me some. This marked the start of several problems I have encountered with the Philatelic Bureau. I tried phoning them several times, holding on for up to 30 minutes but the calls were never

answered. I sent an order in by post for the filler cards & a couple of other items I wanted. When nothing had arrived by the beginning of April I tried phoning again & this time the call was answered & I was informed there had been problems with their new computer system which were hopefully all now resolved. I thought my original order had got lost in the post so placed my order again, this arrived very promptly within a couple of days, followed a few days later by a duplicate set of items from my original order sent in by post!

I then had problems with the Queen's 90th Birthday issue in April. On the issue date I went to Trafalgar Square post office in London & got all the items I wanted except the first day envelopes which they had run out of. I tried another couple of post offices with no luck. I phoned the Philatelic Bureau & ordered the envelopes which took weeks to arrive as did my items on regular order. An accompanying letter with the delivery explained the delay was due to a data error on their new computer system.

Now there has been a problem with the 1st World War issue. Again I went to Trafalgar Square PO on issue date & was told the mini sheets had been withdrawn. I phoned the Philatelic Bureau & they informed me there could be a delay of up to 8 weeks due to printing problems. I have yet to receive my regular order of stamps, mini sheet, prestige stamp book & the second retail book for the Queen's 9oth birthday issued on 9th June even though I was able to buy the stamps, PSB, PHQ's & first day envelopes at Trafalgar Square PO.

When the Philatelic Bureau had their old system my credit card was debited on the issue date & my regular order nearly always arrived on issue day. Since they have changed to their new computer system my credit card is debited 2 weeks before issue date & the order never seems to arrive on issue day even with the straightforward issues where there have been no complications. I expect many others have been experiencing similar problems. Maybe they are just issuing too many stamp issues & their system cannot cope.

Jane Price

UPDATE

I eventually received my 1st World War regular issue from the Philatelic Bureau after a delay of several weeks. I then waited several more weeks for a refund from them for 3 1st World War mini sheets which I ordered from them the day after issue date as I thought I was not going to be able to obtain them from a post office. When I did manage to buy them at Trafalgar Square post office on my next visit - as they had been mistakenly withdrawn from sale due to a mix up in communications - I contacted the Bureau to cancel my order. They informed me I couldn't cancel it but sent me a prepaid envelope to return them for a refund which I did on 22nd August. After phoning them a couple of times & being informed they had a big backlog of work in their returns department I eventually received the refund on 21st October.

I then had a further problem with the 1st World War issue. I sent items to the London Handstamp Centre for postmarking & when my return envelope arrived it had the first day cover in it but not the PHQ card with the mini sheet on which I had sent in for the same postmark. I waited for a few weeks & then phoned the number in the Postmark Bulletin on page 2 where they state that the customer care team will be pleased to arrange for a replacement. I have done this successfully in the past & the lady I spoke to took the details of the missing card & told me I would receive a replacement in 7-10 days. A couple of weeks later when it had not arrived I phoned back to be informed that they no longer follow this system & I would have to obtain a form from the post office & submit that to get it replaced. When I asked for the form at the Philatelic Counter at Trafalgar Square post office the ever helpful staff there told me not to bother with the form & that I could phone the handstamp centre direct & provided me with their phone number. I have done this before but not for quite a while so wasn't sure if they would still oblige. I subsequently phoned the London handstamp centre & a very helpful man took all the details & I received my replacement a few days later.

I did suggest to the staff at the Postmark Bulletin that the information given on page 2 re contacting the customer care team for replacements should be removed from the Bulletin if they no longer carry out this service but as of the latest issue dated 14th October I notice it is still there.

I am sure I'm not the only one who has experienced problems with this year's issues, I'm hoping for a less stressful 2017!

Jane Price

Official covers with other than Official cancellations

By Selwyn Goodacre

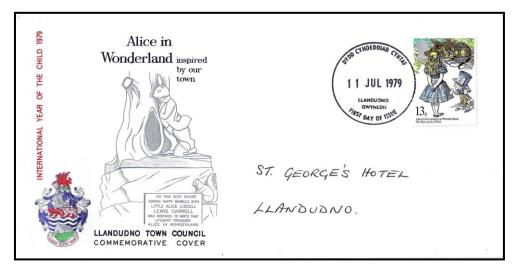
Official (or sponsored) covers are created by, or on behalf of, a particular company, organisation etc. and therefore almost universally have their own official cancellation. However, there are rare occasions where official covers do not have the company cancellation – instead they have an FDI or CDS cancellation relating usually to the location of the issue in question.

I hadn't fully realised just how rare some of these covers were – for example I have been collecting FDCs for the 'Year of the Child' 1979 issue for at least 30 years, yet during that time I had only ever come across two instances of official covers cancelled with other than the official cancellation.

One was the official Methuen Winnie the Pooh cover created by Benham – BOCS12. The huge majority of these have the official Hartfield PHS. But a few have, instead, a Hartfield FDI cancellation. (There *are* FDCs with a Hartfield CDS, but none of these are on official covers to the best of my knowledge. If they are, then I haven't got one).

Another, though much less rare, instance is the British Library official cover, which features a picture of Winnie the Pooh with a balloon. Here official covers with the London WC FDI curiously appears to be rather more valuable than covers with the official cancellation, as there was a limited edition of 1000 with the London WC cancellation showing the balloon coloured in red by hand, and signed by the designer Ryan Mansell. As far as I am aware, he did not hand colour examples of the official cover – which certainly seems a little strange (I do also have uncoloured, unsigned, unnumbered British Library London WC FDI covers – but don't let us complicate the issue).

Returning to more rare instances - a third Year of the Child example has only just come to my notice (and indeed collection – since I bought it on Ebay!). This is an example of the Llandudno Town Council official cover – with a Llandudno FDI. Before acquiring this, I had assumed that *all* examples carried the official Llandudno PHS.



The only other instance of this unusual situation I know of is with the 'Village Churches' issue of 1972, where Earls Barton village Post Office was given special dispensation to use a Earls Barton CDS (as distinct from the official PHS) on the official Earls Barton cover. This cover is very rare. and sadly I have never been able to acquire an

example. I do have a Helpringham Official cover with a Peterborough CDS (with a later date), but the other churches which had official covers in this issue do not appear to have been offered this facility (unless another reader...)

As readers of this estimable journal know, my knowledge of FDCs tends to be restricted to a certain few issues. I should be most interested to hear from collectors of other issues as to whether this same situation has arisen elsewhere.

I am most grateful to Peter Barrett for his comments on this article. He agrees that the basic thesis is correct, but wonders whether collectors will want, or value, such covers. I do, for one – but do others?

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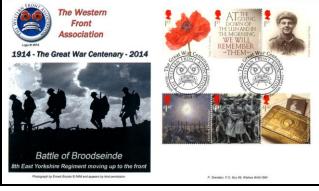
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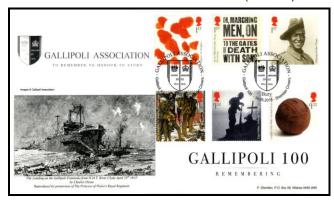
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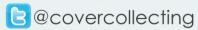
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