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Welcome to the June 2016 edition of First Day Coverage. We hope you enjoy what we have put together for you inside this issue with the generous help of our team of superb newsletter contributors. Thank you to everyone who helps to keep this newsletter going. We believe

everyone has an article or letter in them struggling to get out. You can do it. Most members have vast cover collections, and it doesn't necessarily have to be a first day cover article either. If you have been thinking about sending in something for publication but are not sure your item will be interesting enough then please send it in to us, and let us be the judge. Also if you feel strongly about something philatelic related then we would like to receive your letter for publication. We can withhold names on request.

We have very sad news for you on page 16. It is with great sadness that we have to advise our member of the death of Tony Buckingham. We have written a small obituary to him so please turn to page 16. Tony will be greatly missed in the philatelic and first day cover world. He was a colossus of first day covers and our hobby is all the poorer for his passing. His illness being diagnosed in 2014 he still ran his business empire perfectly, never giving up looking for coveted cover gems for collectors, even when he became bedfast.

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DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST 2016 EDITION

Items for publication MUST be with the editor by

7th July 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.....

It is no exaggeration to say he was the King of First Day Covers. RIP Tony.

On page 3 is shown an amended cover for GBFDC's Anmail issue. We hope you think it looks better and more fun. We thought it needed that little something extra and we came up with a jungle theme border.

On pages 4 and 5 Selwyn Goodacre shows us more Lewis Carroll themed FDCs and I am slowly realising that this thematic subject on cover is vast to say the least. Thank you Selwyn for all your articles and documenting your thematic collection in the newsletter.

Selwyn also shows one of the oddest FDCs we have ever seen on page 6. It is a bit of a conundrum as to how it was done. Read his article and form your own opinion. We would love to hear from you about your thoughts on the cover. Any letters or emails sent in on the subject we hope you will give your permission for us to publish it for others to read.

Nigel McGarry and his latest 'Let's Connect' article is on page 7. Nigel does give information on a little known form of collecting and his articles always make interesting reading. Also on page 17 Nigel has another article 'All the Fun of the Fair'. Thank you for your continuing support of the newsletter Nigel.

On page 8 Jonathan Guy shows a FDC produced using the Royal Mail 500 Miniature Sheet with Stampex Overprint and number. He asks the question if it would

find a home in your collection. Well, for us, Jonathan, it definitely would!

The MCS pages this edition is poorly supported. Please get your unwanted and duplicate covers list to us in good time for the August edition. Let's aim to have a full MCS feature for August.

On pages 12/13, Nick Larnar gives us another peek at what he has been doing regarding his passion of dual dating covers. Some covers he has sent off to various SHCs for dual dating would make us shudder with worry and apprehension.

Although we mentioned we would like more letters to the editor in the April newsletter, as you will see, it's a lot worse this month because we have NO letters at all. As we said last issue, 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. If you don't let us know what we are doing wrong, or right, then we can't change things.

On page 15 John Cook asks for members' help to identify two signatures on one of his FDCs. We can hazard a guess at the two first names, Joan somebody and Steve somebody. We haven't a clue about the surnames.

With that we wish you all, happy collecting. See you again in August. Hopefully we will have a great summer. Enjoy your holidays if going away. If staying at home then prepare the suntan lotion!

*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)

Amended cover design for your information. We hope you think it looks better



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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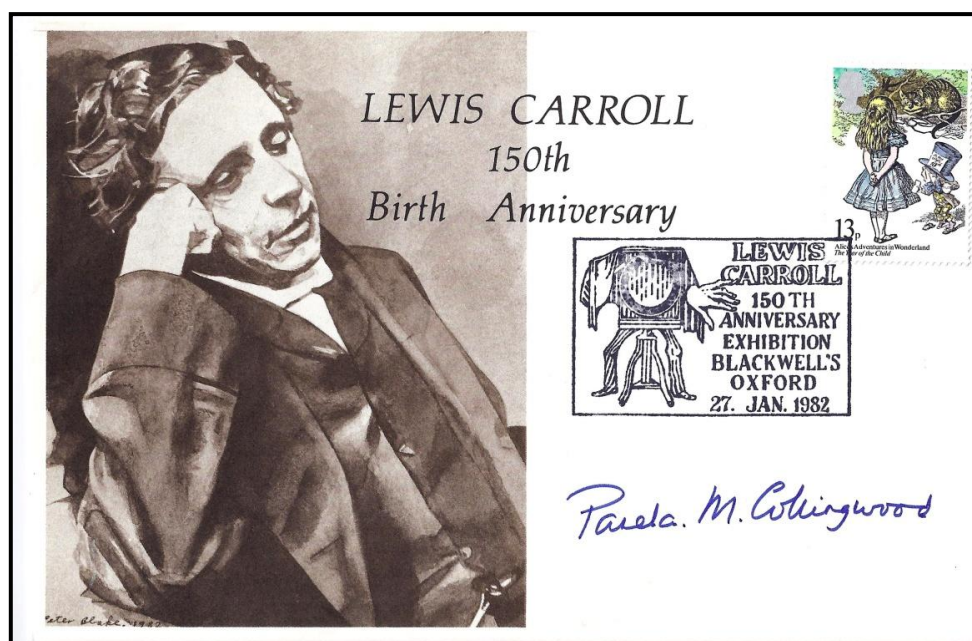
On covers celebrating New Definitives and The 150th anniversary of the birth of Lewis Carroll

By Selwyn Goodacre

The occasional coincidence can delight an FDC cover collector's life. One such happened for me back in 1982, though I did not recognise it till years later.

27 January 1982 was the 150th anniversary of the birth of Lewis Carroll (author of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*). The famous bookshop of Blackwell's in Oxford (where Lewis Carroll was a mathematical lecturer at Christ Church) held an exhibition to celebrate the birthday, and asked Gerald King to produce a special stamp cover for them to issue for the anniversary. Gerald arranged for the famous artist Peter Blake (now Sir Peter) to create a picture of Lewis Carroll for the cover, and he asked me to write the insert about Lewis Carroll. Gerald designed the special PHS (I did show one of the covers in my first article for *First Day Coverage* December 2009).

Peter Blake signed 50 of the 500 covers produced, and an unspecified number were also signed by Gerald King, some of them carrying a special 150th anniversary example of his famous Alice 'cinderella' stamps (see *Alice Through the Pillar-Box and What She Found There, A Philatelic Fantasy*, by Gerald King: Whizzard Press, London 1978).

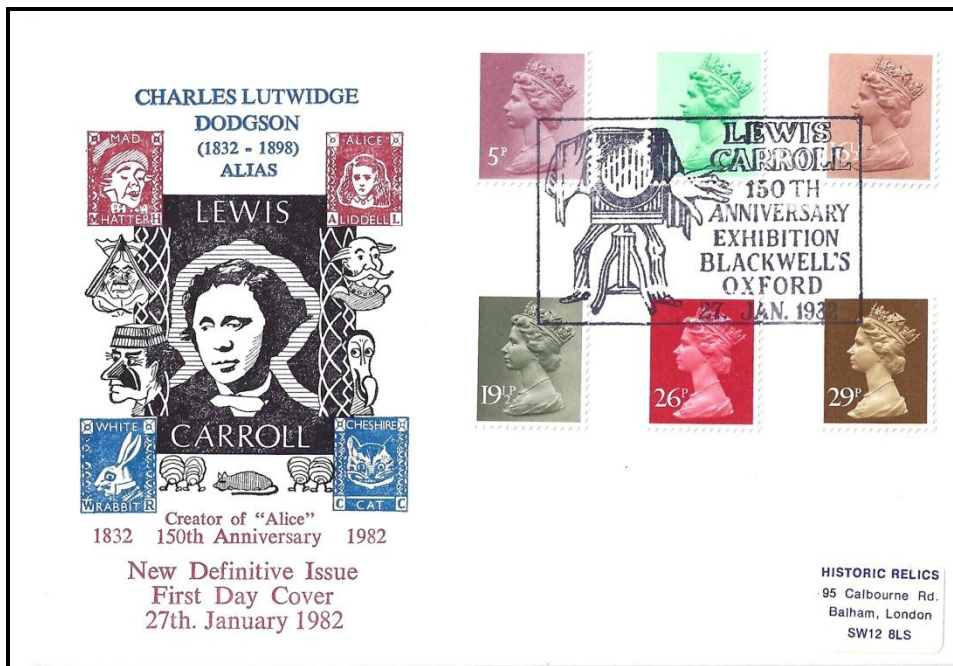


Gerald also organised Pamela Collingwood, great niece of Lewis Carroll, to sign nine (numbered) copies (fig.1). As there was no official Lewis Carroll stamp issued for that day – Gerald used the 13p Alice stamp from *The Year of the Child* issue in 1979. So the cover is not actually a 'first day' cover - as such, but is still nevertheless a highly desirable item.

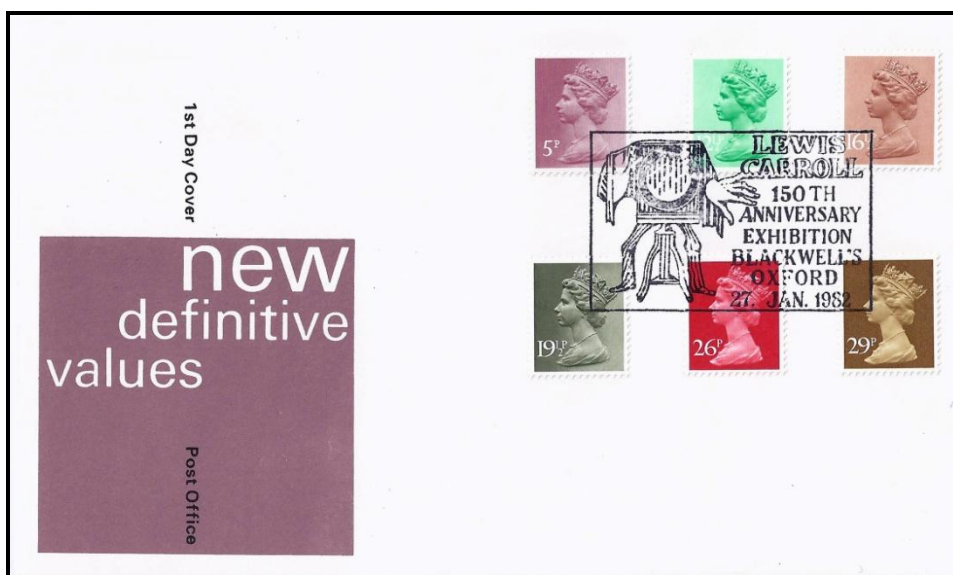
But, in a lovely coincidence, - new definitive stamps were issued on 27 January 1982 – the very same day as the 150th Lewis Carroll anniversary. The FDC producer D G Taylor created a special Lewis Carroll cover to celebrate the birthday *and* the issue of the new definitives, and used the same Lewis Carroll 150th Anniversary Exhibition, Blackwell's PHS that had been designed by Gerald King for the Carroll Anniversary cover above.

The Post Office also issued a number of covers employing the same PHS. Whether other commercial firms issued definitive stamp covers with this PHS I have not been able to ascertain.

Continued.....



Naturally, after discovering the Carroll / Definitive link, I began to search out other covers celebrating the new definitives, of which of course there were a number. I am happy to have a Festiniog railway cover (one of 41 – see my article on these covers in *First Day Coverage* June 2015), and an ‘Oldham, Lancs’ Post Office FDI cover with a date error – ‘27 Jan 1981’



What a fascinating hobby first day cover collecting can be!

And before you ask – No, there are no examples of the Peter Blake cover signed by the author of the insert. Perhaps I should create a unique example.

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

**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.

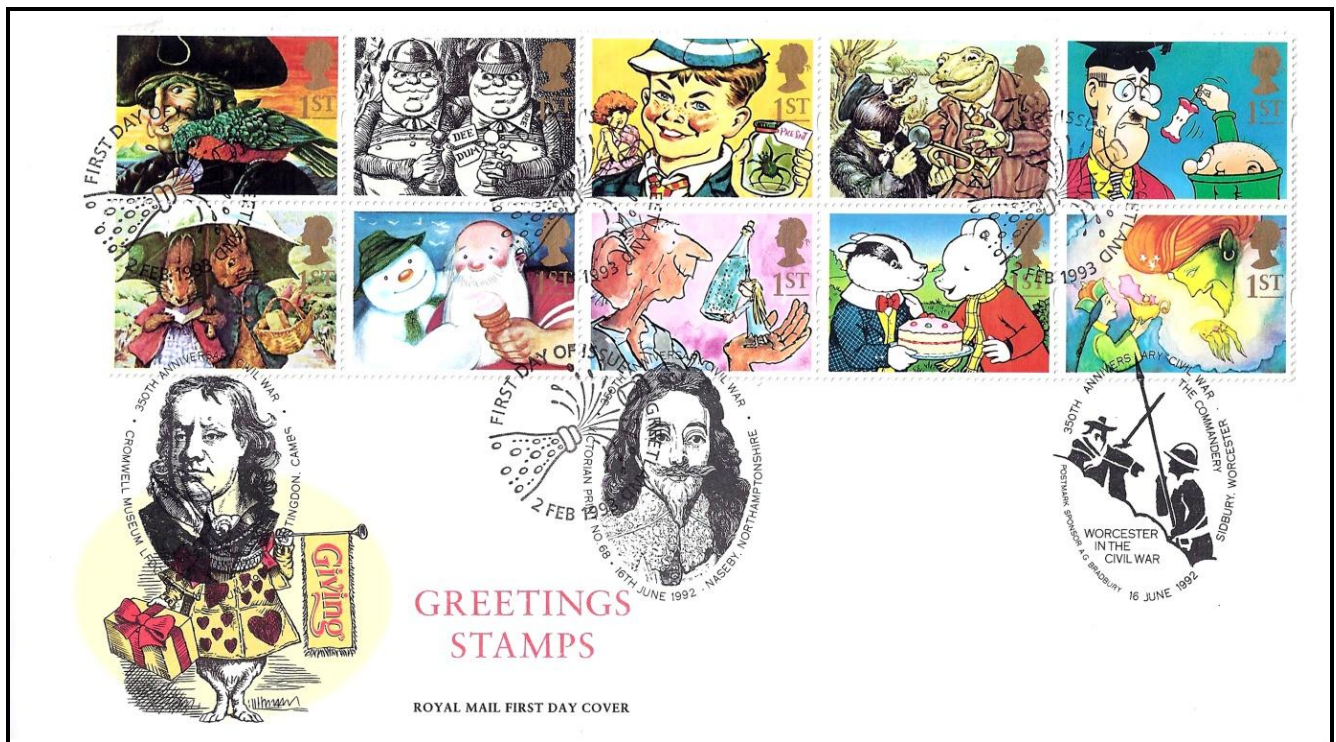
A Rare Cover

by Selwyn Goodacre

Diligent readers of the 28th edition of the Booth Catalogue *Collect First Day Covers* may recall that one of the six pages of 'gems' (p.178) showed a most strange cover from the 'Greetings' issue of 2 February 1993. This cover was cancelled by no less than three different handstamps which were produced a year earlier in 1992. The comment on the 'gems' page reads:

'Evidently a small number of these covers were done by Royal Mail at the Swindon research & development centre when testing some new high speed fdc cancelling equipment, and clearly were not intended either for sale or to be released to the Public. You will probably never see anything like this again!'

Well I have, and not only one as described in the catalogue, but also an example which has an additional cancellation - Greetland PHS. I am very happy to have this, but I don't think it is unique - I suspect that another member may well have an example as one was offered in the GBFDC Auction of May 2011.



Editor's note – The handstamps applied to this cover are very interesting. It looks to be a First Day Cover for Greetings stamps cancelled with FDI Greetland 16 June 1993. However there are another 3 different handstamp applied all for the Civil War issue 16 June 1992!! A full 12 months separates both dates. The Civil War handstamps are 12 months BEFORE the Greetings stamps were printed and cancelled. I can't answer the reason why this cover appears to have been cancelled a full year before the stamps were printed. It may be that the handstamp office kept the Civil War handstamps for 12 months and used them as a training exercise. That's the only answer I can guess at. Can anyone shed more light on these covers? If you have more information then please write in to the editor at the usual address.

Let's Connect.....by Nigel McGarry

It's always nice to 'find' a cover and secure it at a fair price when ploughing through First Day Cover websites.

A couple of handstamps which I hadn't thought of before were super connections to the stamp issues concerned when I spotted them.

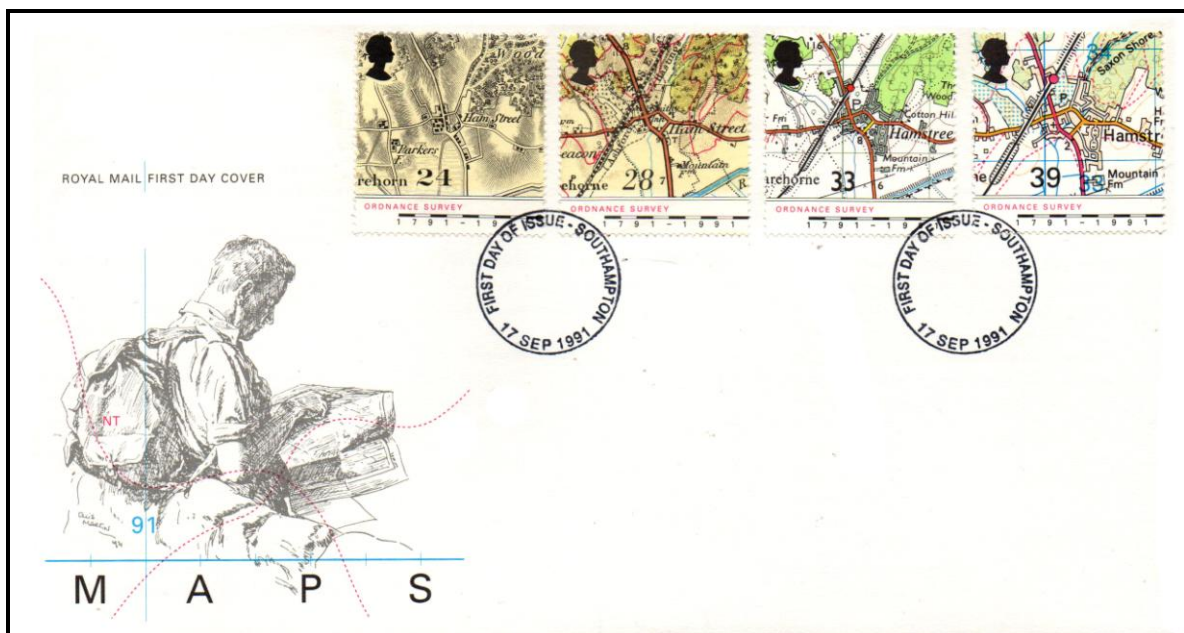


1969 Post Office Issue

Found on a Philart FDC to Canada the set has been cancelled by a Liverpool FDI Handstamp. This is relevant as the National Girobank was a British public sector financial institution run by the General Post Office that opened for business in October 1968 and it's Headquarters were in Bootle, Merseyside

1991 Maps Issue

Set on an unaddressed Royal Mail Cover is cancelled once again by a philatelic FDI Handstamp and this time from Southampton. The Ordnance Survey Headquarters are situated in Maybush, Southampton.



I really like the hunt for RM FDI Handstamps, which can be scarcer than SHS or CDS, connecting the issue on cover and I'm certain there's loads more to discover.

Happy hunting.....

Would this find a home in your FDC collection?

Recently, we have seen some fairly 'exclusive' FDC's emerging from the first day of Stampex and as such these are becoming quite collectable. The year's Stampex was no exception and sure enough, there was a widely publicised Post Office Posters numbered mini sheet made available to purchasers on the first day only.

Like many readers I'm sure, getting to London on a Wednesday for the first day of the show is a pretty tall order, especially if you are trying to keep down a day job!

Luckily, a couple of days before the show I discovered that a friend of mine would be there but as he lives in Aberdeen, I live in Cheshire and the show was in London, getting the right material in the right place proved beyond us.

In the end though, what we ended up with is the image you can see, which is most definitely a First Day Cover on which is the limited edition numbered mini sheet. Sadly it is on a plain unaddressed cover but for me it ticks a couple of boxes, namely the FDC and rarity boxes.

I wonder if readers think this cover is in any way valuable and so the question I have for fellow members is "would this find a home in your collection?"



Jonathan Guy

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AGM - Dealers Attending

We are pleased to advise that following dealers have agreed to attend the AGM in October :-
Brian Reeve, Peter Heath, P&M Maslak, Tony Mee, Terry Hurlstone, Chris Hockaday, Mark Gosling, Terry Barnett and Richard Park.

Please keep this date free and come along and support them.

Terry Barnett Hon. Sec.

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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2001	Buses	British Buses London (GBFDC)	£12
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19/03/02 Coastlines Sheridan Giant's Causeway official	£40
02/05/02 Airliners Sheridan John Lennon Airport, Liverpool official	£40
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13/04/10 Action for Species Sheridan The Mammal Society off. & Earthwatch M/M	£45
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17/09/10 Post & Go Birds Sheridan Kielder Water official	£40
17/09/10 Post & Go Birds Sheridan Kielder Water official & RSPB M/M	£45
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05/05/11 Morris & Co. Sheridan William Morris Society official	£40
05/05/11 Morris & Co. Sheridan William Morris Society off. & Design Council M/M	£45
23/08/11 Crown Jewels Sheridan Charleville 350 Years official (50 done)	£40
23/08/11 Crown Jewels Sheridan Charleville 350 Years (A) official (Just 30 done)	£50
23/08/11 Crown Jewels Sheridan Charleville 350 Years (A) off. & Tower of London M/M (just 6 done)	£55
09/09/11 Aerial Post M/S Sheridan Royal Aeronautical Society official	£40
09/09/11 Aerial Post M/S Sheridan Royal Aeronautical Society off. & Royal Aeronautical Society meter mark	£45
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15/01/02 Just So Stories Phil Stamp B/W No.18 official cover	£10
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01/09/09 Fire & Rescue RM fdc Justice for Firefighter Pensions M/M & Birmingham SHS	£6

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Brave or Foolhardy. Part Fourteen!.....by Nick Larner

Continuing my pursuit of the "Dark Art" of the practice of dual cancellation of covers.

I like to send covers to various handstamp centres for additional cancellations. There is always a risk in doing this as the handstamp centre might not quite understand your instructions no matter how plain and simple you have explained it. There is always the risk that the cover might get 'lost' in transit through no fault of your own.

1) The Aerial Post 9/9/11 issue. It was a big risk sending a £5 Castles Cotswold cover with Windsor Castle CDS cancel, but the miniature sheet fitted it nicely and it mentions Windsor Castle, especially with additions of Gold N.V.I.s and an Airmail label. I think it works well.



2) The same subject but with a Castles definitive Miniature Sheet (22/3/05) on RM cover with a Windsor FDI cancel. The Flight sheet dispersed on the cover to fit. And lastly, (3) the range of re-drawn H/V Castles with the Windsor Counter SHS. They all seem to match.



Over the years the inks and designs changed, some to include anti-forgery security measures, and different colours. Showing examples (4) of £1 stamp from 1988/1992 and the change of type to Machin and colour change/plate re-etched, also noting the value and location change.

Also (5) Showing a Royal Mail cover with two locations on the one day on the same cover, Carrickfergus 22/8/95 CDS on the £1

Castle stamps and on the £1 Machin's Windsor, Berks

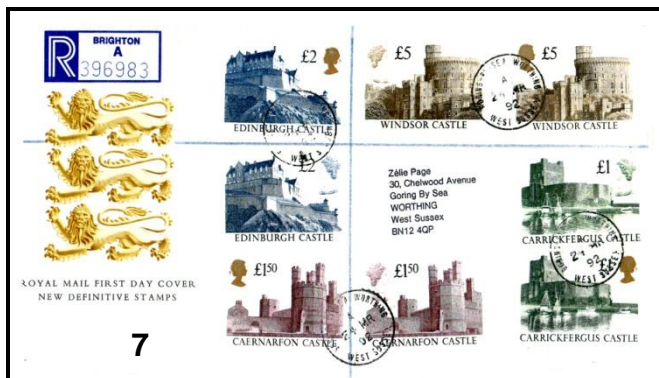
22/8/95 CDS.

The security changes can be seen better on the full set double covers, (4, 5, 6, 7 & 8) Counter Date handstamps mixing with Special Handstamps.

Fig 6 shows all stamps cancelled with Pounds, Plymouth CDS.



Continued.....



The Faithful reproduction of the old Castles stamps (1967) to the Castles miniature sheet of 2005 led to the dual dated cover shown here (9).



The practice of dual dating is, as I have said, not without its pitfalls and 'head buried in hands' moments because the covers could not be replaced and some quite valuable too. Some of the covers have been purchased as you see them, other manufactured by me.

I suppose it would be boring if we all collected the same thing. I say 'Vivre la Difference!'

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07/01/10 Classic Album Covers GBFDC No 34	£18
22/03/11 Mammals – Action for Species GBFDC No 36	£18
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Please, if possible, only send the list of covers for the next newsletter rather than sending a large list or several lists. It is becoming a little confusing to work out which list belongs to whom and which edition it is for. Thank you

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Help Required Please

1. Can anyone identify the 2 signatories, other than Frank Skinner and David Baddiel, to the right hand side of the cover as indicated below please?



2. Wanted urgently -

Westminster Autographed Edition Covers with info page for the following two issues :

15th June 2010 - Stuarts = Churchill Walk handstamp

27th July 2010 - Olympic/Paralympic Games = Stratford handstamp

The issue price was ?? £16.75 and I am willing to discuss and/or negotiate with anyone who has these available or exchange for other

Westminster Autographed Editions I have gathered in. If anyone has information on their issue, such as who signed the covers. I would be grateful if they could pass it on.

John Cook

Please send in your letters to the editor for publication. We had nothing to include for this edition. 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

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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>

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.

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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)

Tony Buckingham – An Obituary

It is with great sorrow that we bring you the news of the death of Tony Buckingham. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and staff at this very sad time.

Tony was a member of GBFDC and he put cover collecting on the map He founded two companies producing quality first day covers, Both are eminent names in Great Britain cover collecting today, Benham and Buckingham Covers.

Tony had a boundless energy and insight and worked very hard to make his covers the best they could possibly be.

Together with his wife and business partner of almost 50 years, Cath, Tony took his Buckingham covers to great heights. Having already built up a business once, Benham, and selling it to Flying Flowers in 1995 with the intention of retiring to travel and write, the pull of first day covers was too great and they were back in 2001 with a new company, Buckingham Covers

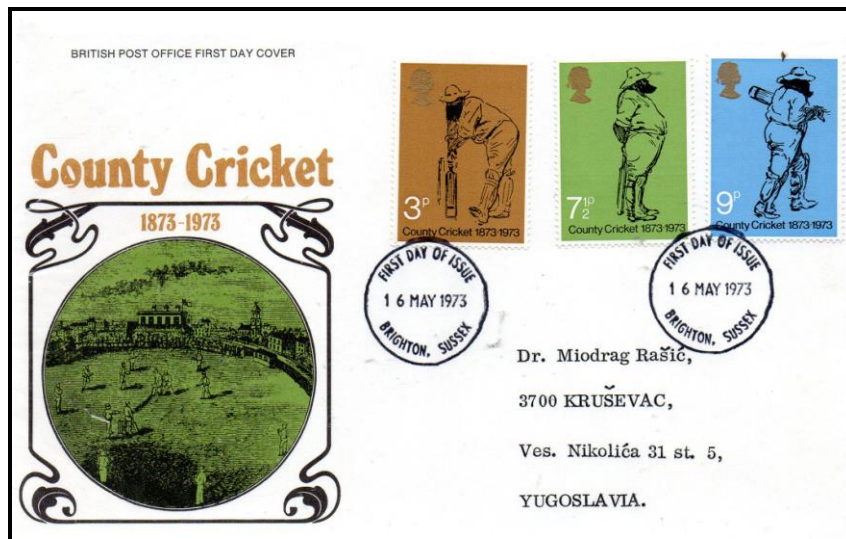
Tony and Cath Buckingham, herself an award winning designer, made a formidable team and Buckingham Covers instantly became firmly established in the philatelic and cover world. Buckingham Covers is a part of the Internet Stamp Group and Folkestone Stamp Shop and the success of all three is testament to Tony and Cath's acumen. Tony also aided charity and he raised almost £1 million for charity through his signed cover series.

Tony was an active member of the PTS and was a prolific writer of articles for the philatelic press, including the Philatelic Exporter, Stamp Magazine and others. He also wrote several books.

Tony will be missed by everyone in the cover collecting community, but he will be missed most by his family, friends and the staff at Buckingham Covers. Tony has become a legend in the first day cover world. He and his covers will never be forgotten and will live on. The name Buckingham Covers has secured its rightful place in the history of Great Britain First Day Covers, Rest in peace Tony, you will not be forgotten.

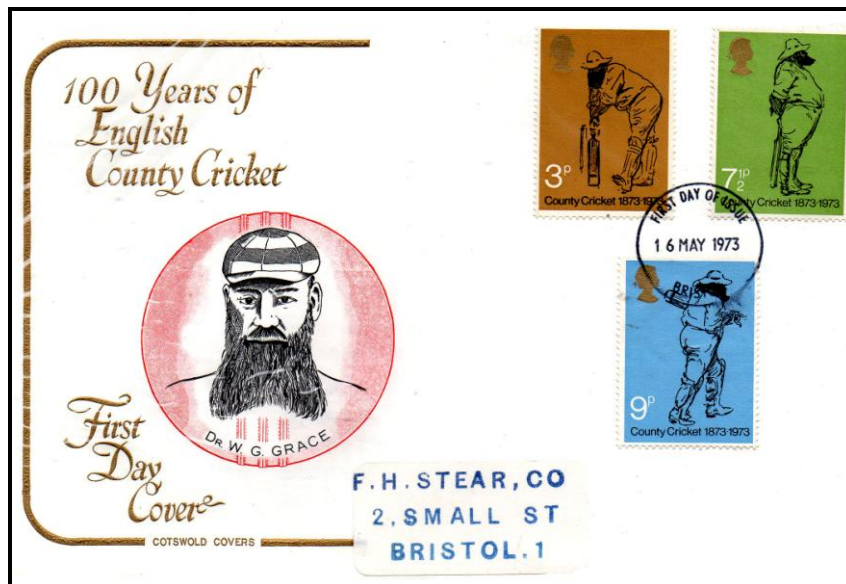
Phil & Dot and the Committee of the GBFDC Association.

All the fun at the fair..... by Nigel McGarry



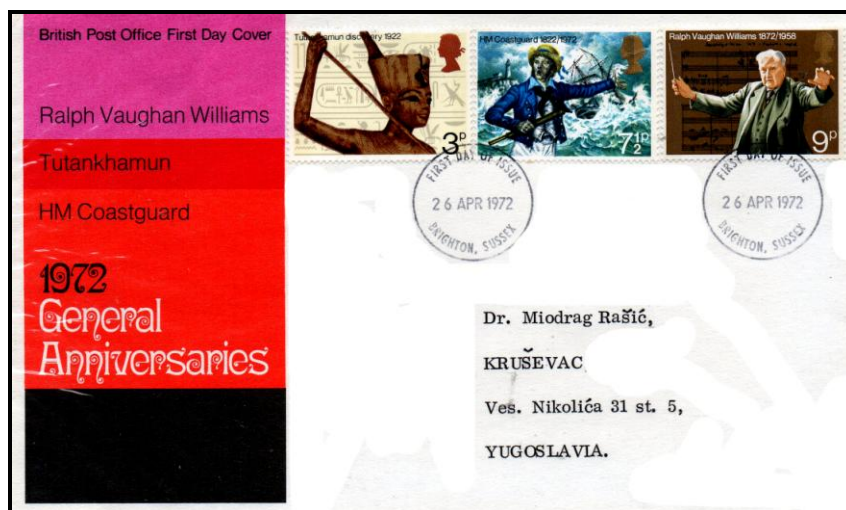
Anyone who reads my contribution will have guessed that my passion is finding good handstamp connections to an issue that are both relevant and inexpensive. This usually means unearthing, at a stamp fair or on eBay, a Royal Mail First Day of Issue Handstamp that adds to the subject being commemorated on the cover either.

The 1973 Cricket Issue provides an opportunity to hunt for FDI Handstamps where county cricket is/has been played. I would love to know the extent of any member's efforts in this field and I have illustrated a couple of examples. Research, I'm sure would reveal obscure towns/cities where county cricket has been played in the past - I can remember, for example, Essex playing at Clacton on Sea and lazing through a day watching Trevor Bailey score a 50 - Cricketers did take their time back then!!



Another issue that provides a similar opportunity to the cricket subject is the 1972 General Anniversaries and in particular the 7.5p 150th Anniversary of the Coastguard stamp - we love our 1963 Lifeboat set connections and so why not do the same for the 1972 stamp. Brighton has a Lifeboat station and I've shown a PO Cover cancelled by Brighton FDI Handstamp.

Good hunting.



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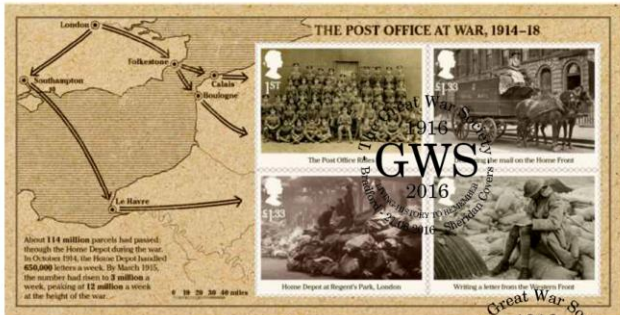
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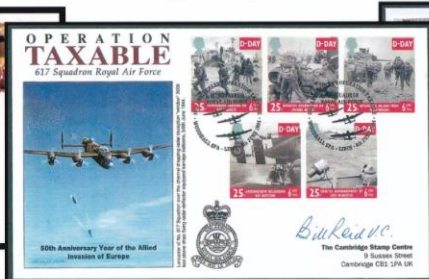
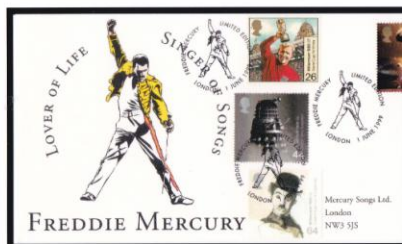
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