

FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the October 2013 Edition of First Day Coverage. We have little to report on at the time of writing. Due to Dot's ill-health, we have not been taking much notice of things philatelic of late. Your newsletter may be delayed on occasions as

we can't promise to have it out on time. We will always do our best but health does come first, we are sure you will agree.

Because of the difficulties we are facing at the moment, and we are expecting it to go on for a number of months, it would be an immense help to us if members could dig deep in their collections and send in articles, letters and features for forthcoming newsletters. Also regarding MCS lists, I know the odd member has difficulty typing but even typing out a list with one finger is achievable, Would you believe Dot types all newsletter articles with one finger! In the meantime we can only promise to do our best for you.

Hotel Rooms are available for the AGM weekend Saturday 5th October. Please see page 12 for details

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Pub Meetings

LONDON

Pub Meetings held in
In The Ship and Shovel, Craven Passage,
London WC2 @ 3pm

Please contact Richard Park for meeting dates during 2013

*Queries to: Richard Park, 2 Chaffinch Close, Horsham,
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West Midlands Region

Meetings held in **The Bowling Green Pub, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B60 4BH.**

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Important Notice

DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 2013 EDITION

Items for publication MUST be with the editor by

7th November 2013

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.....*

We have great pleasure in showing you the AGM2013 GBFDC official cover for Merchant Navy 19 September 2013. We are delighted to feature Merseyside Maritime Museum, and we hope you like the cover. It will be a great cover for the future so ensure your copy by attending the AGM on the day.

The 2013 AGM will be held at the usual place, Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham on Sunday 6th October.

The AGM cover will be available this year at a cost of £15 to those members attending the AGM. It will be a very limited edition but a few covers will be available for auction to those members unable to attend. Please see *First Day Coverage*, December 2012, page 15 for full details.

NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

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.

Happy collecting until next time.

Phil Sheridan
Hon. Editor

The Association of Great Britain First Day Cover Collectors Official Covers 2013

GBFDC AGM2013 OFFICIAL COVER – Merchant Navy – 19 September 2013

This covers is only available for £15 to members who attend the October AGM. Covers remaining will be auctioned via the newsletter to those members unable to attend on the day.

Merchant Navy – Merseyside Maritime Museum official GBFDC cover shown below for member information

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Fairs:

GBFDC AGM Fair Collingwood Centre, Birmingham Sunday 6th October 2013

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We have arranged for the 2013 AGM/Cover Fair to be held on Sunday 6th October 2013 at the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7NF (for Sat Navs).

Tel: 0121 360 1484

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

We hope that you will support the fair and look forward to seeing you all.

Dealers attending at time of writing: Sam Downes, M & P Maslak, Terry Hurlstone, Roy Jones (Swanland), Peter Heath, Joseph Bevan, David Millership, Brian Reeve, Tony Mee, and Richard Park.

The GBFDC club table will also be there for general enquiries and for selling the Association official unsold covers.

AGENDA

Apologies

Minutes of the 2012 AGM

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's report

Newsletter Update

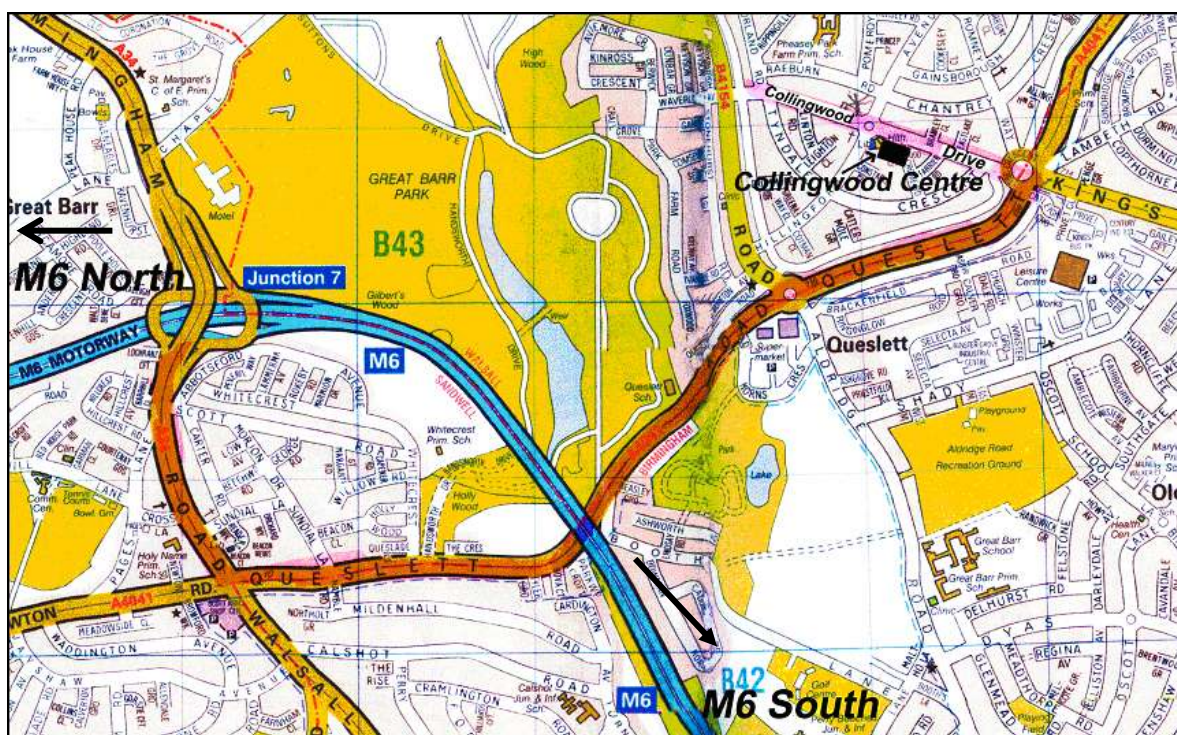
Association Cover Update

Any other business

Location and Directions

To reach the Collingwood Centre leave the M6 at junction 7 going south along the A34 (Birmingham Road). At the A4041 turn left at the junction of the Scott Arms Shopping Centre onto Queslett Road. Continue over the first roundabout (ASDA is on your right) and at the second roundabout turn left into Collingwood Drive. The Centre is along Collingwood Drive on your left.

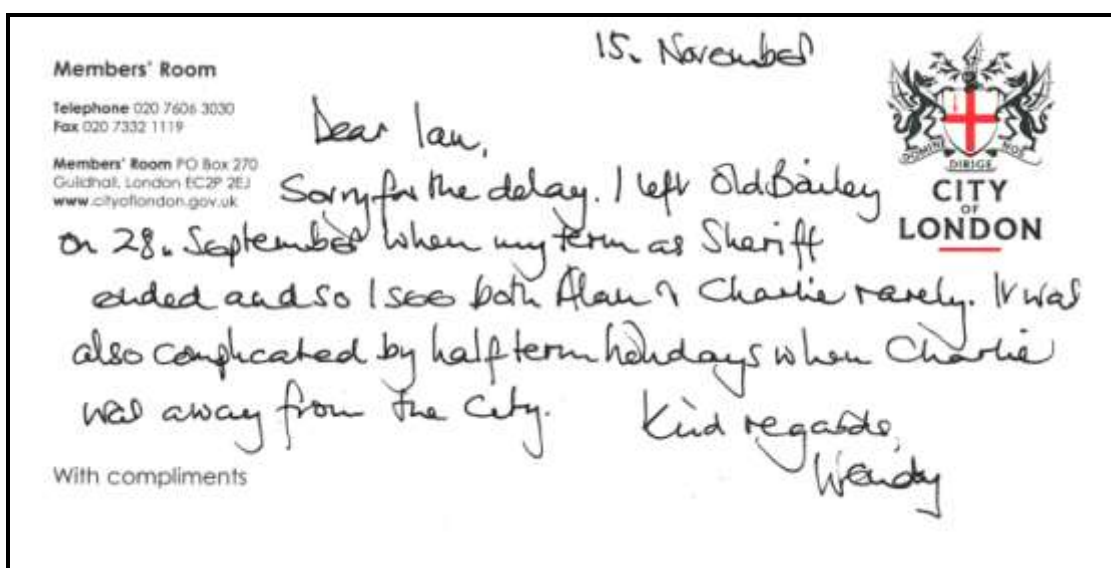
If you wish to stay overnight, the nearest recommended hotel is the Birmingham Great Barr Hotel, which is only a few minutes from the M6 and just a little further on from the Collingwood Centre. Map below.



A-Z of Britain – Old Bailey Stamp

Amongst other things, I am a Freeman of the City of London and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers. One of our Liverymen Wendy Mead was elected a Sheriff of the City of London, which is one of the prerequisites of becoming Lord Mayor - albeit you have to be an Aldermanic Sheriff. During her year she hosted a Dinner in the Judges Dining Room of the Old Bailey, donations being given for one of her charities. Before the Dinner there was a tour of the Central Criminal Court. My wife and I had the pleasure of appearing in the Dock and being "taken down" to the cells. There are two elected Sheriffs each year and until the visit I did not realise that the City of London built, own and run the Old Bailey and that the Sheriffs have accommodation there and one or the other has to be present on duty 24hrs/7days per week.

When the UK A-Z stamps came out one featured the Old Bailey and assuming that the Sheriffs year ran concurrent with the Lord Mayor, I sent a cover to her and asked if she, Alderman Alan Yarrow, and the Under Sherriff (effectively the Chief Executive) could sign it for me. What I did not know, was that her year had ended but she very kindly went to the trouble of contacting her colleagues, as per her note, for which I expressed my grateful thanks. That is the beauty of First Day Cover collecting - you invariably learn something new.



Tin Can Mail

Thousands of tiny, inhabited islands are scattered throughout the South Pacific Ocean. Delivering mail to these islands is challenging, but the need to communicate has overcome a great many challenges.

Probably the most well known example of this is the case of Niuafu'ou Island, part of the kingdom of Tonga.

In the late 19th century, this little island was found to grow enormous, meaty coconuts that were important sources of oil used in the manufacturing of soap. This attracted the interest of traders from Germany and Great Britain who would purchase dried coconuts from the growers and ship them off the islands. In the course of their business, the traders needed to communicate with the companies that employed them. With no radio communication, no harbour and only occasional supply ships that could bring the mail, this proved difficult.

Other vessels would pass the island, but with no safe anchorage, a mail exchange was impossible — until one day when a trader saw Niuafu'ou islanders out fishing. They cut limbs from the native mulberry that were buoyant when put in the water, and these limbs were used to support swimmers while they spearfished.

The traders thought that if the swimmers could use poles to catch and bring back fish, they could easily use poles to go out to a passing ship and to catch the mail and bring it back. Ships would collect mail for Niuafu'ou when they called at Nuku'alofa, the main island in the Tonga chain.

The purser on the ship would place the mail into an empty kerosene or cracker can. When the swimmers approached, the purser would throw the cans overboard for the swimmers to retrieve. Outgoing mail from the island was wrapped in oilcloth and tied to a stick held above the water during the swim out to the ship. The ship would drop a line, and the packet of mail was tied to the line and hauled up to the ship. The mail would be placed into the mailstream at the ship's next port of call. There is a lot more information about Tin Can Mail available on Linns website www.linns.com. I would like to thank Linns for the above information.



I like to collect covers like this. I especially like all the different postmarks applied to them both front and back. I find them very interesting items indeed. Phil Sheridan



to the Editor P.O. Box 99, Widnes, Cheshire
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Dear Editor.....

I have given a box of around 100 official covers, mostly priced at £1 each to **Tony Mee (Celebrity Signed Covers)** who is taking a table at the cover fair. As I am unable to attend the AGM/Cover Fair Tony has kindly agreed to sell them on my behalf. Please try and attend the fair as I know you will some bargains and hopefully that elusive cover that you have been searching for. I hope everyone has a successful day.

Terry Barnett (Member 201)

Dear Editor.....

I wonder whether RM have made a rod for their own back by saying that the Murray sheet was the first in a new series to acknowledge sporting achievements.

How about this one which I found in today's Telegraph sports pages - Matt Fitzpatrick (18 years old) on Sunday night became England's first winner of the US Amateur (Golf) Championship in 102 years. So he now gets to play in the 2014 Masters, Open & US Open!! Beat that.

Mike Cross

If we give your letter the STAR treatment then you could win **£20**, so there is a great reason to write in with your news and views.

Dear Editor.....

I read Ian Billings' article in the August First Day Coverage magazine regarding problems with the Football PSB panes. I fell foul of the 4th pane. I sent it in with my other covers to the hand stamping centre without realising that the total value of the stamps on the pane was below the 2nd class postage rate. The cover was returned to me requesting me to add additional stamps to bring the value up to the required amount. As you can see from my cover I decided to add an additional Dennis Law stamp from the football stamps set. This seemed the most relevant to me as he is the footballer appearing in the photo on that particular pane.

In regards to the 2 panes that contained the self-adhesive stamps I encountered problems trying to get them out of the book & onto my covers as the stamps kept separating from the pane & I had to stick them back into the relevant spaces when the panes were on the covers. All quite frustrating at the time but a satisfying result in the end.

★ **£20 Star Letter**

Jane Price (member no.371)



Dear Editor.....

I would like to tell you and other members about a good dealer. We have all heard Horror stories of bad or indifferent dealers and the tricks some get up to! That is why I want to tell you all about this man, So here goes.

I have been dealing with Mark for far too many years (not saying how many). I have had the privilege of knowing his parents as well. Sadly his dad is no longer with us, He was a great man and always had a kind word. Dad was a professor no less. Mark works the fairs (no shop) between Plymouth and Aberystwyth. He is hard-working and has a warm welcome with a smile and a hello for old and new customers. And if you are lucky you can get a free tea/coffee. He buys well (not just FDCs) and sells fairly because he does this his stock is always new.

I have had so many bargains from him far too many to mention here. If you want a certain FDC he will do his best to get it for you and he won't bust your bank balance. Over the years I have told him off for having too much for me, and told him off for not having enough, He can't win. So I would like to say a big thank you to Mark Grinsley for all the deals and all the years. He is not just a dealer to me I consider him a friend too.

So Mark, buy more FDCs for me and to all our members buy buy buy from Mr Grinsley but leave some for me. And so Mark a big thank you from me and a hello from my secretary. Hope to see you soon and mine is a cup of tea. Do other members have a favourite dealer they feel are worth a mention in our newsletter? I am sure other members would enjoy hearing about it.

Mr. E. Stredwick.

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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 Road NG8 1FQ

Prestige Books all with four panes on 4/5 covers

1969	Cooks	£33	1992	Tolkien	£20
1980	Wedgwood	£10	1993	Beatrix Potter	£25
1982	Gibbons	£12	1994	Northern Ireland	£18
1983	Royal Mint	£13	1996	Football	£22
1984	Christ. Heritage	£13	1997	BBC	£18
1985	The Times	£13	1998	Speed	£16
1986	British Rail	£12	2000	Queen Mother	£16
1988	Financial Times	£12	2000	Trees	£14
1989	Scots Connection	£10	2003	Microcosmos	£17
1990	London Life	£12	2004	Garden Glory	£20
1992	Wales	£12			

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Contact Details: Farrukh Jamil, 9 Gladstone Park Gardens, London NW2 6LA.

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Prices inclusive of P&P. Scanned images of the covers are available on request.

1953	QEII Coronation Cover bearing 2013 Six Decades of Royal Portraits Stamps tied with 1953-2013 QEII Coronation, Westminster, London SW1, 2nd June 2013 (Ltd Ed. of 11 Covers)	£30
2010	Westfield & Aspen School Christmas FDC (Ltd.Ed. of 300)	£20
2011	PTS Official Centenary of Aerial Post FDC (Ltd. Ed. of 80)	£12
2011	NPS Official Ideal Home Show Christmas FDC bearing M/S (Ltd.Ed. of 150)	£20
2011	BPMA Aerial Post Centenary Postcard bearing M/S, Hendon SHS	£10
2011	BPMA Aerial Post Centenary Postcard bearing M/S, Windsor SHS	£10
2012	RM FDC Post & Go Farm Animals II (Pigs), Swine, Hull SHS	£8
2012	RM FDC Post & Go Farm Animals II (Pigs), Tamworth SHS	£8
2012	RM FDC Post & Go Farm Animals II (Pigs), Berkeley Vale SHS	£8
2012	RM FDC Post & Go Farm Animals II (Pigs), Farmers Walk, Birmingham SHS	£8
2013	RM Diamond Jubilee FDE, Six Decades of Royal Portraits stamps, Coronation of QE II, London SW1, 2 June 2013	£10
2013	RM FDC, Six Decades of Royal Portraits stamps, Coronation of QE II, London SW1, 30 May 2013	£10
2013	RM FDC, Butterflies Cylinder Booklet, London SW7 SHS	£10
2013	RM FDC, Butterflies Cylinder Booklet, Wareham, Dorset SHS	£10
2013	RM FDC, Butterflies Cylinder Booklet, Crossgar, Downpatrick SHS	£10
2013	RM FDC, Butterflies Cylinder Booklet, Cornfield Croft, Birmingham	£10

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1964 Botanical (ord). Illustrated cover. Botanical Congress H/S. Neat H.A.	£35
1965 Battle of Britain (ord). RAF Waddington CDS on Waddington covers. T.A.	£55
1967 Paintings. Philart cover. Windsor CDS. RARE. P.A.	£40
16/10/68 4d x 6 Woodpecker booklet pane. Philart cover. Canterbury CDS. P.L.	£45
1969 Xmas. P.O.cover. Relevant and unrecorded HOLYwell Green CDS. U.A.	£35
1971 General Anniversaries. Illustrated cover. BF1182 H/S. U.A. RARE	£140
1971 Literary Anniversaries. P O cover. John Keats Shanklin H/S. T.A.	£45
1972 Churches. P. O. cover. St Mary, Langley H/S. P.L.	£60
1977 Wildlife. P. O. cover. Squirrels Heath CDS. P.L.	£25
1978 Cycling. P. O. cover. Relevant Dumfries FDI and cachet. U.A.	£20
1986 Medieval Life. R.M. cover. Wakefield/Wachfeld FDI. U.A.	£5
1986 Medieval Life. Stuart cover. Ipswich/Gepeswiz FDI. U.A.	£5
2001 Punch and Judy. Nat West official. P.A.	£8

G.B.Overprints

1937 Coronation. Illustrated cover. Tangier. Block of 4. P.A.	£20
1946 Victory. Illustrated cover. Tangier. U.A.	£30
1953 Coronation. Illustrated cover. Tangier. P.L.	£15
1953 (21 August) Plain cover. Kuwait ½, 1 and 2 Annas T.A.	£18
1953 (6 July) Illustrated cover. Tangier 5d, 8d and 1/- P.A.	£25
1953 (31 August) Illustrated cover. Morocco Agencies ½d, 1d and 2d. P.A.	£20
1953 (31 August) Illustrated cover. Tangier ½d, 1d and 2d. U.A.	£20
1954 (18 January) Illustrated cover. Tangier 3d, 6d and 7d. U.A.	£30

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Postage included in the price. FDCs (All illustrated unless stated)

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1970 Christmas with Darlington FDI (with write up on a separate sheet)	
1971 Ulster Paintings with BFPO 1029 DRC (with write up on a separate sheet, the Lancers were based in Ulster from 1717 to 1803)	
1971 Literary Anniversaries with BFPO 1029 DRC	
1971 British Legion with BFPO 1029 DRC	
1940 Stamp Centenary set on plain cover printed address with LONDON 259 DRC	£5
1994 1p - £5 Postage Dues with TO PAY LABELS Windsor SHS on RM cover	£10
1995 Reader's Digest Coil on Benham Official cover (D233)	£5
2000 1 st Retail Booklet 'Above & Beyond Leicester' SHS on Benham cover BLCS184	£2
2000 2 nd Retail Booklet 'Trans Pennine Trail' SHS on Benham cover BLCS191	£2
2001 Punch & Judy Tied Booklet with 'Self Adhesives Convent Garden' SHS on RM cover	£10
2001 Flags & Ensigns Tied Booklet with 'Maritime Britain MOD Whitehall' SHS on Benham cover BLCS216	£4
2002 1 st Wildings MS with Buckingham Palace Rd SHS on Benham cover BLCS241	£4
2003 Extreme Endeavours SA Cylinder Booklet with Polemarch Seaham SHS on Stick with Stamps cover	£8
2003 Transports of Delight half SA tied Booklet with 'Self Adhesives Hornby, Lancaster' SHS on RM cover	£2
2004 NI SA Tied Booklet with 'N Ireland NVI Stamp Book Bushmills' SHS on Cotswold cover	£1.50

Covers for Sale Please contact Rob Swettenham 0161 973 4657 or email r.swettenham@sky.com

18/09/03 Transports of Delight Stamps Transports of Delight Stampex Autumn Exhibition SHS on Stampex Envelope	£12
18/09/03 Transports of Delight M/S Transposts of Delight Stampex Autumn Exhibition SHS on Stampex Envelope	£12
16/04/96 Cinema Pinewood Studios Meter Mark + SHS on Rank envelope	£15
13/05/97 Tales of Horror Dawn Official - Scarce cover	£20
03/07/07 Grand Prix G Lovell Official	£18
08/11/07 Lest we Forget Trench CDS on special CDS Covers envelope 16/20	£12
01/10/96 Classic Cars RAC CDS	£15
09/07/96 Olympics "New Postage Rate From 8 July Slogan" – Very scarce	£17
05/09/95 Communications Arlington – ITN Official	£12
27/10/97 Christmas Uckfield Philatelic Society Official	£10
16/09/04 Woodland Animals "Brownsea Island Poole" SHS on two MCC covers	£9
10/07/90 Thomas Hardy Historic Relics (HR) Official	£20
18/10/05 Trafalgar Stamps Internet Official on Miniature Sheet cover – Very Rare only 30 of these Official covers were produced	£40
07/10/03 British Museum H D Macintyre Official cover	£35
03/10/00 Christmas Generic Stamps on Phil Sheridan Official number 13/36	£18
24/03/98 Lighthouses J C Stamps Official	£12

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30/07/85. The Royal Mail Royal Mail discount booklet complete pane. Cancel National Postal Museum. P.O. Cover	£8
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12/03/85 British Insects. Official cover. Stamp Bug Club. Cancel Stamp Bug Club. UA	£20
16/09/86. The Royal Air Force. Duxford Aviation Society cover. Cancel C.D.S. Duxford	£9
24/03/87. Sir Isaac Newton. Cancel C.D.S. Trinity Street, Cambridge. Small printed address	£4
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06/02/81 Folklore. Official cover. Robin Hood Society. Cancel Robin Hood Society	£13
06/02/81 Folklore official cover. British Library No.25. Cancel Valentines at British Library UA	£35
16/01/80. British birds official cover RSPB. Cancel Pioneers in Bird Protection. Address adhesive label	£7
12/03/80. Liverpool & Manchester Railway official cover. Great Central Railway slogan Pmk150 years of Mail UA	£25
07/05/80. London 1980 M/S cancel Supersonically/London Benham BOCS20 cover UA	£8
10/02/82. Charles Darwin. Cancel Maer Hall Tribute to Charles Darwin. TA. Philart cover	£10

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2012 Sheridan Official covers – most at new issue price of £17.25 each. Postage £1

10/01/12 Roadld Dahl single set Seven Stories Children's Book Centre Official	£17.25
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20/03/12 Comics Comic Book Alliance official	£17.25
10/04/12 A-Z Britain Queen's College, Oxford official (all 14 stamps on cover)	£17.25
31/05/12 Queen's Diamond Jubilee set of 8 stamps Royal Yacht Britannia official	£17.25
31/05/12 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Retail Booklet Royal Yacht Britannia official (Scarce)	£25
19/06/12 Charles Dickens set of 6 stamps Swiss Chalet Appeal official	£17.25
19/06/12 Charles Dickens M/S Swiss Chalet Appeal official	£17.25
27/07/12 Welcome to London 2012 Olympic Games M/S Pride of Britain (London Eye)	£17.25
29/08/12 Welcome to London 2012 Paralympic Games M/S Pride of Britain (wheelchair race) official	£17.25
27/09/12 Memories of London 2012 Sporting Memories & Handover to Rio official	£17.25
16/10/12 Space Science British Astronomical Association official	£17.25
06/11/12 Xmas set 7 stamps Rainbow Trust Children's Charity official	£17.25
06/11/12 Xmas set M/S Rainbow Trust Children's Charity official	£17.25

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Hotel Rooms Available to Members for AGM

Due to unforeseen circumstances and illness, GBFDC has the following rooms available at The Holiday Inn, Great Barr, Birmingham. If any members would like to take advantage of the room on Saturday night 5th October 2013, then the rooms and price are below. Please contact Ian Balcombe, ian.balcombe@harrisbalcombe.com Tel: **07721 415142**

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DISCOVERING FIRST DAY COVERS (PART TWO) by David Holl will appear in the December 2013 Edition

Please search your collections and send in articles, letters, and features that we can use for forthcoming newsletters. We are in urgent need of new copy for publication. Thank you,
Phil Sheridan, Hon. Editor

SIGNED COVERS – by Ian Balcombe

I attach a scan of a cover that when purchased was signed by Shirley Williams, I subsequently asked Betty Boothroyd to sign it as she is featured on the cover. Margaret Thatcher visited the Rotary Club of London in 2005 in conjunction with the Rotary International Centenary, as she was an Honorary Member of the Club.

By this time she had stopped public speaking but was otherwise still very sharp.

As Honorary secretary I was asked to meet her upon arrival and initially escort her. I asked if she would kindly sign a cover (or two) for me. Which she kindly agreed to do so insisting on getting her usual blue felt pen out of her handbag. She signed it around the illustration as can be seen, but also next to the Dorothy Hodgkin stamp. I did not realise until subsequently that Dorothy Hodgkin was her tutor at Oxford!

The other signature is that of Baroness Helen Hayman, who I mistakenly addressed as the first Lady Lord Speaker but she quite rightly corrected me by saying that she was the First Lord Speaker.

The other cover that Margaret Thatcher signed for me was also signed by Barbara Castle.



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

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- 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

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

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If you do not wish to re-join then please let me know. It will save association funds in contacting you again.

Many thanks.

Ian Balcombe, Hon. Sec.

KGV halfpenny stamps with the rare Westminster Abbey CDS dated June 22, 1911



In a brief follow-up on David Holl's interesting article in the August 2013 issue of First Day Coverage. In figure 6 David illustrated two covers with the very rare Westminster Abbey CDS, which was briefly used on Coronation Day, June 22, 1911 for Invitations sent to the press. Obviously the two covers shown with KEVII stamps were not First Days.

However I do have a cover with a pair of KGV halfpenny stamps with the rare Westminster Abbey CDS dated June 22, 1911. I thought it might be of interest to members to see this FDC and I therefore enclose a photocopy with RPS certificate (Fig.1).

As a single stamp on FDCS the KGV halfpenny Green is listed in my catalogue with a price of £3200 – any member interested in buying this, might perhaps give me a call!

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FAIR DO's (2) by Peter Middleton

As a follow up to my first article in the June 2013 edition of First Day Coverage, I want to relate further experiences on the fair circuit. First of all, though, I will put a few minds at rest relating to my "offensive" advert in the showpex brochure. I will let all members form their own opinion by reproducing the front cover of the brochure and my "offensive" advert. At the time I thought it was

brilliant (and still do). But, as the saying goes "it takes all sorts". Continuing my travels, I remember a fair in Newcastle where a number of coin dealers were present, and at the close of the fair it was dark outside and snowing heavily with a round 10cms of snow underfoot (that's 4 inches in my language!) When exiting the fair one of the coin dealers tripped and fell. His

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One point which I feel I ought to mention, owing to this service being virtually non-profit making, (cost + 10p + postage) no wages will be paid, but the smiles on the faces of bargain hunting customers will more than compensate.

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case containing trays of coins flew into the air, hit a lamp post and burst open. Coins were scattered over and under the snow and disappeared into little black holes. The site of a group of us scraping the snow away to try and locate the "missing" coins caused a few sniggers amongst the watchers – not so funny for the man concerned as I'm sure some were lost. I visualised the headlines the following morning in the local paper to read "The Street of Newcastle are Paved with Gold.

The next few we all headed north into Scotland which was always a pleasant experience and we were always made most welcome. At one fair in Banff a local gentleman – full kilt, long beard, thick woolly socks, complete with dirk (I'm sure he was local!) was selecting some stamps from one of my stock books. I totted up the price whilst he was still browsing. When I quoted him the total outlay, he replied "Aye, that's a bonny quote – but I would like these two as well". I replied, "if you buy the original lot you can have these extra two stamps free". He pondered for a while and then said, "Can I think it over". "Of course" I replied and off he went. Later that day he returned and said, "I've thought over the offer you made me and I've decided not to bother with the original lot – I will just take the two free stamps"!!

On one of my solo trips I was travelling between Huntly and Aberdeen. The fair at Huntly had closed and I decided to drive down to Aberdeen and look out for a B&B on the way. Every one I called at was booked up, and I decided to carry on to Aberdeen before it got late. Eventually I spotted a sign in a window and enquired about an overnight stay. The lady looked at me and said, "If you don't mind sharing a room, I can help". What she didn't say was, as it was a Friday night, a group of oil rig workers stayed before going home for the weekend and I would be sharing with 7 men in a bedroom with 4 double bunks and yours truly on top. I always carried my most expensive material in one case and bearing in mind I was bunking with 7 strangers, I took my case out and left it in the car. However I had no need to worry on that account as the 7 well seasoned fella's, although rough and ready, were a genuine reliable lot. Needless to say I had rather a restless night and was up at the crack of dawn to the sound of snoring akin to pneumatic drills. Whilst having breakfast one of the men jumped up and shouted, (look there's a hodge heg) – The landlady put his mind at rest and said "That's a hedgehog and it's a pet here" – Panic over!

There is the case of The Man in the Orange Suit, The Rubber Bag Saga, and the Special Stamp Sorter – But that's another story.

2013 Rare Covers

The covers below were kindly sent in by Sam Downes. They are this year's issues and are very rare so they are for member's information only.



Andy Murray Wimbledon Champion M/S cancelled Dunblane, Perthshire CDS, Andy's home town. Cover includes Andy Murray Olympic Gold Medal Winner stamp. Cover Registered.

Unfortunately Sam doesn't say how many were done but we expect there were very few.



Merchant Navy single set & Arctic Convoys M/S. Cancel, Russian Arctic Convoys Museum, Aultbea, Scotland Only 13 of each known to exist.



Very few produced although, Sam, again, does not state how many. If anyone would like to know how many of this cover, and the Andy Murray cover were produced We expect Sam will be pleased to tell you.

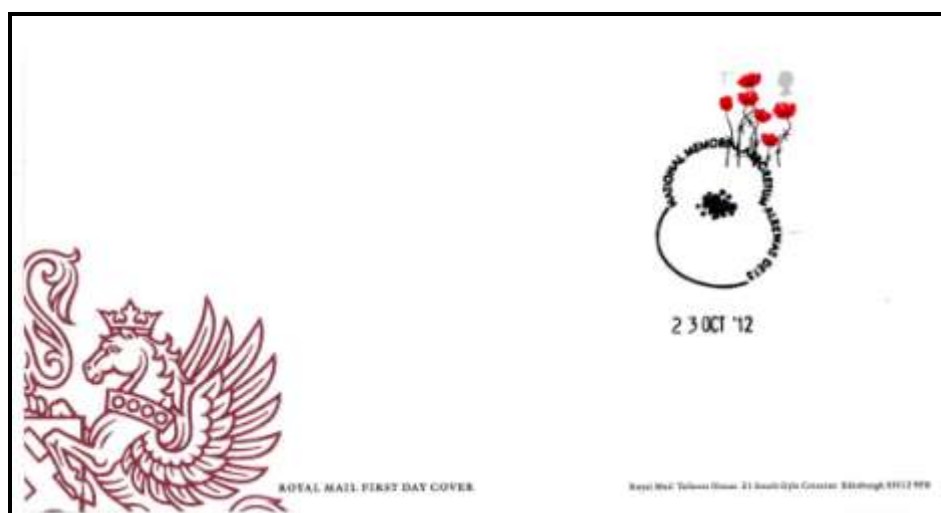
Sam also did a few of these covers with Football Heroes stamps on and same cancel.

Lest we Forget Poppy Definitives



When the Lest we forget Poppy definitive stamp was issued at the end of last year there was no first day cover although it was effectively a new stamp albeit an old design. I noticed however that the day of issue coincided with the first day of the use of the Na

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the sword in the handstamp and trees in the illustration were a good connection.

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- Spring GBFDC auction April/May is 28th February
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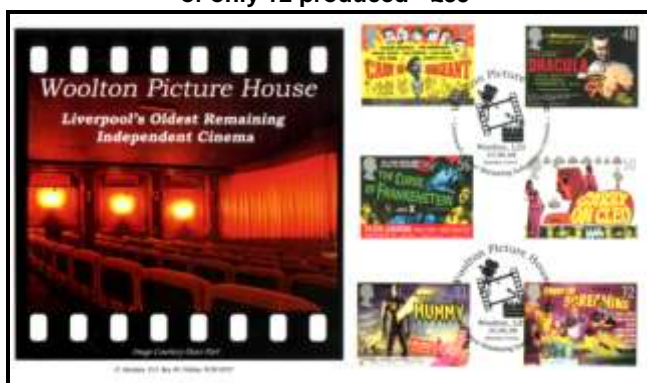
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