

FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the October edition of First Day Coverage. We are very sorry that the Newsletter is a little late again this month but not as late as last month, thankfully. Catching up on outstanding work and a very bad flu virus picked up while at Stampex, passed to Dot, conspired

to make us late with work again. This time we can't blame Royal Mail.

Our 20th Anniversary cover is getting closer and, as the cut off deadline date for orders has passed, we are unable to take any further orders now, sorry. Terry Barnett will dispatch your cover when it is ready as usual.

Christmas is around the corner and you can be certain once Halloween and Bonfire Night (Guy Fawkes Night to those of you in other countries) has passed, we will have Christmas Muzak in all the shops. I find it so irritating. I personally don't want to think about Christmas until 1 December. However Royal Mail Christmas stamps will be issued on the 4th November and I can see why this is – for the overseas cards and parcels. With the exception of cards, parcels are never stamped with actual stamps anymore. They are dispatched with the printed label out of a machine behind the counter. And it's a shame.

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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 2014

Queries to: Richard Park, 2 Chaffinch Close, Horsham,
West Sussex RH12 5HA

West Midlands Region

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

For Future Dates please contact:

Mr Joseph Adam Bevan, Tel: 07969 311 003 & 0121 477 9924
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Important Notice

DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 2014 EDITION

Items for publication **MUST** be with the editor by

10th November 2014

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.....*

I would like to see lots of £1.28, £1.48 and £2.10p stamps on parcels. We may get to collect these high values as fine used. But how long will it be until the First Class stamp is costing £1.28? I refuse to give that thought head room for the time being. It would be nice if wages were to increase at the same level of inflation, wouldn't it?

Our third, and final, Club official cover for Winter Greenery is shown on page 3. We hope you like it. Dot worked her little socks off to design it. The picture didn't come like that originally. Dot spent literally hours designing this and giving it special effects so it would look nice for us. I think it is super. It looks much better in colour.

We have an excellent article for you on page 14 regarding "the strange case of the 141st anniversary of the birth of Lewis Carroll" in answer to the article by Selwyn Goodacre that appeared in the June edition on page 6/7. Ken Brown has a cover with a full set of Christmas 28 November 1973 stamps on it!! (Now why are Christmas stamps now not issued around this date any more – it's a more festive time! But I digress, apologies). We felt Ken's article was of such importance that it warranted a re-run of Selwyn's June article for completeness and this follows on from Ken's interesting article, p 15/16.

Our AGM is on the 26th of this month. I am hoping to be there with you but, sadly, Dot is too ill to attend. We hope as many of you as possible will be there and we look forward to seeing familiar faces as well as new ones. The

cover will be available for £15 to everyone who attends on the day. So, as I mentioned last time, not only do you have a wonderful FDC waiting for you to purchase, exclusively, on the day, but we will have our usual First Day Cover Fair, the **ONLY ALL COVER FAIR** in Britain at the moment, and a free buffet at lunchtime, followed by the AGM itself. Do try to attend if possible.

We have a more than full MCS for you this time which starts on page 9 through to 13 and the overflow covers for sale are on page 8. It's just the way it worked when putting the newsletter together. Some pages are a bit cramped but, unless you have put together a newsletter or magazine, then you wouldn't understand the formatting dynamics. **Please keep sending in your lists.** If we cannot get them in the next newsletter (although we endeavour to accommodate them all for you at the time they are sent in to us) then we will put them in the following edition.

We know between now and January most of you will have other things on your minds but please spare a thought for your newsletter. We still urgently require articles, covers for sale, and letters for the December and February newsletters. If we can't get the material in for newsletters now, then there is little chance we will get them in during the next few months. Do dig deep and send in material for us to publish.

That's it from us until the December edition. Happy collecting.

Phil Sheridan

Hon. Editor

The Association of Great Britain First Day Cover Collectors Official Covers 2014

GBFDC OFFICIAL COVER No.52 – Post & Go stamps Winter Greenery 13 November 2014

This is the third, and final, GBFDC official cover for 2014 and it will be a Limited Edition of 78. If you would like to collect forthcoming covers for next year then please see the December Newsletter for further details and application form.

Winter Greenery single set of 4 Post & Go stamps. GBFDC official cover with Hollybush postmark

Cover shown here for member information



GBFDC 20th Anniversary Cover

If you have ordered, AND PAID FOR, your 20th Anniversary cover, then you will receive one through the post shortly after the issue date of 14th October. Sometimes there is a delay for various reasons but we will endeavour to get the covers to you as quickly as possible.

Thank you. P. Sheridan.

THE ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN FIRST DAY COVER COLLECTORS OFFICIAL AGM2014 COVER

GBFDC AGM2014 Fort Perch Rock for the Seaside Architecture issue on 18 September 2014

This cover is only available to members attending the AGM in October for a cost of £15. 60 covers only will be produced.

Any covers not sold at the AGM will be auctioned to members who have not attended the AGM at a minimum bid of £25.

Bids for the unsold covers must be received no later than **1st December 2014**.

Please contact Terry Barnett with your bids by post to 7 Mackets Lane, Hunts Cross, Liverpool, L25 0QA or email at terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk .

Thank you.

PUBLICITY OFFICER REQUIRED

Dear Members,

We are looking for someone to help promote the club & it's activities nationally by various means. This would be a voluntary position, and does not necessarily mean the applicant would have to become a member of the GBFDC committee.

Reasonable out of pocket expensive would be reimbursed, for expenses incurred whilst carrying out duties for GBFDC.

Any members interested, Please contact Richard Park **01403 241825** or email **rjpark@btinternet.com**

Richard Park, Chairman.

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Auction Deadlines

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

Guideline for Auction Lots

- First Day covers ONLY, no commemorative covers please.
- No Philatelic Bureau Covers. (Unless on privately produced covers)
- No Handwritten covers (Unless they are Rare covers)
- No unrelated First Day of Issue covers. (Unless on Privately produced covers)
- Covers must be in good condition. (Otherwise they will not sell!)
- Minimum Estimate of £5 where possible please.

If have any questions please contact Richard Park 01403 241825 or

email rjpark@btinternet.com

GBFDC Association AGM & Cover Fair 2014

We have arranged for the 2014 AGM/Cover Fair to be held on Sunday 26th October 2014 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 the fair: Peter Barrett - Joe Bevan – Sam Downes – Peter Heath – Terry Hurlstone – Tony Mee - Peter Middleton – P & M Maslak – Dave Millership – Brian Reeve.

AGENDA

1. To consider the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 6th October 2013.
2. To consider reports of the Association's activities since the last AGM
3. To consider the Financial Statement for the most recent Financial Year.
4. To elect an Honorary Chairman and other Committee Members as provided in the Constitution.

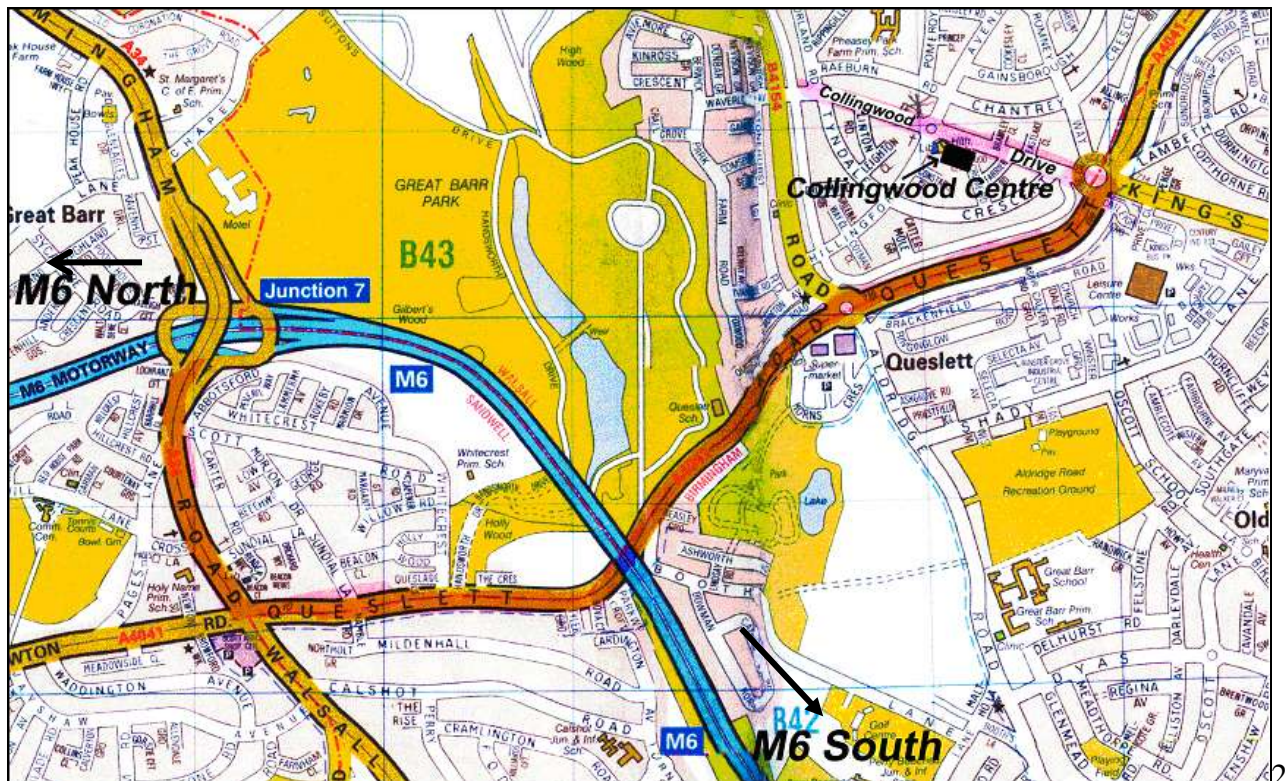
The current Officers and Committee Members having been elected for a two year term at the last Annual General Meeting an election is not required.

5. To consider any proposal by a member received in writing by the Honorary Secretary in due time.

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.



RARE COVERSby Colin Young

No1. 1974 Fire with the FULL SET on the LANSING BAGNALL official cover and the handstamp to match. (A very rare, and expensive, cover to get hold of. Even the cover with the single stamp is selling for £25 - £30. Editor)



No.2 1982 Maritime Heritage with FULL SET on the Barbican official cover.

I got these two covers at a local stamp fair where a dealer had just bought a massive collection of OFFICIAL covers

I was the first person to look through these and my heart skipped a beat when I saw them and bought them at a reasonable price. It took me about 2 hours to go through them



Olympics Official Covers – Feedback.....by Colin Young

Further to the letter and cards sent in by Ian Balcombe (*First Day Coverage*, August 2014, page 6), I would like to point out that there were two actual OFFICIAL covers besides the two cards shown by Ian Balcombe. The two covers shown below were produced by the Society of Olympic Collectors which was displayed in the British Library where I went on the day. I had a discussion with the people on the stand and explained I had come for the covers only to discovery that approximately 100 of the OFFICIAL unstamped covers had been stolen, so I was totally disappointed. Anyway after a time, and consistent badgering of the Society of Olympic Collectors for at least one of the covers, I managed to get TWO with different postmarks.



Figure 1, Full miniature sheet with London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay, Stratford, London, of which **ONLY 10 WERE PRODUCED**



Figure 2, Full miniature sheet with London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, British Library, London NW1, with a cachet at the bottom of the cover, of which **ONLY 7 WERE PRODUCED**

This cover has the rolling date stamp.

These two covers must be good in any official cover collection.

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Contact Details: Phil Sheridan. Tel: 07975 858 815 E-mail: sheridanfdcs@aol.com

Postage Free. All covers becoming very scarce, especially the doubles, where I only have 1 available.

28/02/08 Hse L'caster & York (Single set) Sheridan Richard III Society Official (68 done) £40

28/02/08 Hse L'caster & York (M/S) Sheridan Richard III Society Official (52 done) £40

28/02/08 Hse L'caster & York (Double) Set & M/S on Sheridan Richard III Society Off. (34 done) £60

Buy in sets of 3 and save money – all 3 covers for - £120

19/05/09 Kew (Single set) Sheridan Sefton Palm House Official (62 done) £40

19/05/09 Kew (M/S) Sheridan Sefton Palm House Official (52 done) £40

19/05/09 Kew (Double) Set & M/S on Sheridan Sefton Palm House Official (32 done) £60

Buy in sets of 3 and save money – all 3 covers for - £120

03/11/09 Xmas (Single set) Sheridan Westminster Cathedral Official (54 done) £40

03/11/09 Xmas (M/S) Sheridan Westminster Cathedral Official (54 done) £40

02/11/09 Xmas (Double) Set & M/S on Westminster Cathedral Official (31 done) £60

Buy in sets of 3 and save money – all 3 covers for - £120

02/11/10 Xmas (Single set) Sheridan St. Mary's Centenary Official (48 done) £40

02/11/10 Xmas (M/S) Sheridan St. Mary's Centenary Official (54 done) £40

02/11/10 Xmas (Double) Set & M/S on St. Mary's Centenary Official (31 done) £60

Buy in sets of 3 and save money – all 3 covers for - £120

07/11/06 Xmas single set on Sheridan Donna's Dream House official cover (becoming scarce) £40

07/11/06 Xmas MS on Sheridan Donna's Dream House official cover (becoming scarce) £40

Buy both covers and save money – both covers for - £70

18/10/05 Trafalgar single set on Sheridan Royal Naval Museum official cover (becoming scarce) £40

18/10/05 Trafalgar M/S on Sheridan Royal Naval Museum official cover (becoming scarce) £40

Buy both covers and save money – both covers for - £70

17/07/07 Harry Potter single set on Sheridan Magic of Books official cover (becoming scarce) £40

17/07/07 Harry Potter M/S on Sheridan The Potter Magic official cover (becoming scarce) £40

Buy both covers and save money – both covers for - £70

- END OF SALE -

MCS How to submit your covers for sale

Please submit your list either by post or email (typed in a Word Doc.) Please make it LEGIBLE otherwise it will not be included. Send them by e-mail to sheridanfdcs@aol.com. We would prefer you NOT to list covers in a table as it makes formatting difficult. Any member can sell covers via the newsletter free of charge. If you require further details then please contact the Editor.

Please, if possible, only send the list of covers for the next newsletter rather than sending a large list or several lists. It is becoming a little confusing to work out which list belongs to whom and which edition it is for. Thank you

1) Please list them in a Microsoft Word Document (NOT in a table though). The more details you include then the less space there will be for your covers and less covers will be listed.

2) Either email your list or send it by post to Phil Sheridan. Hon. Editor, GBFDC Association, P.O. Box 99, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0NN. E-mail: sheridanfdcs@aol.com When posting hand-written lists please make sure we can read them. It is probably best to print all lists.

3) Deadline for all items for inclusion in to any newsletter is ALWAYS 7th of the previous month to the newsletter publication. Please see top of page 2 and inside back page in EVERY newsletter

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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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Contact details: Jon Cox – joncox999@btinternet.com Tel: 0121 352 1621 P&P £1 any quantity.

1966	Hastings	FDI London on Bayer Products cover (4d only)	£3
1969	PrinceWales	FDI Chester on Earl of Chester cover (cat £25)	£8
1971	Literary Ann	FDI London on Action for the Crippled Child No:5 cover	£9
1971	Literary Ann	John Keats Shanklin on PO cover(unaddressed)	£60
1971	Christmas	Forces PO 79 CDS on British Families education Service cover	£9
1972	Gen Anniv	Hovercraft Trials BF1270PS on official cover (3p only)	£9
1972	Churches	Royal Eng Military Aeronautics on Royal Eng No3 cover (3p only)	£12
1972	BBC	Man City Kick Off in UEFA Cup on Dawn official cover (3p only)	£12
1973	Explorers	National Postal Museum, London EC1 on PO cover	£15
1973	Oak Tree	Bureau on Horley Pool cover	£19
1973	Wedding	Westminster Abbey on Copecrest Woven card	£8
1973	Christmas	Bethlehem on Cotswold cover	£6
1974	Fire	FDI Belfast on Northern Ireland Fire Brigade postcard (3½p only)	£8
1975	Architecture	European Architectural Heritage Year Slogan (7p only)	£15
1975	Sailing	FDI Hastings on Rye Harbour Sailing Club cover (neat h/w)	£15
1975	Sailing	Royal Thames Yacht Club on RTY official	£26
1976	Telephone	FDI Liverpool on Merseyside Police cover(10p Police stamp only)	£30
1976	USA BiCent	American Museum Bath plus USA stamps with Dealers Day,	
	Interphil 76, Philadelphia cancel on PO cover – rarely seen		£25
1976	Caxton	William Caxton Plymouth on Plymouth College official (neat h/w)	£85
1976	Reformers	FDI Norwich (Elizabeth Fry) on PO cover	£9
1977	Silver Jub 9p	Nuneaton Borough Council on NBC official	£12
1977	WildlifeBadgers	Mount CDS on PO cover	£38
1977	Christmas	Pear Tree CDS on PO cover	£22
1979	Year of Child	Palitoy Diamond Jubilee (not easy) on PO cover	£7
1979	Police	FDI Norwich on Norfolk Constabulary cover	£22
1980	Queen Mum	FDI London SE1 on London Fire Brigade cover	£16
1980	Christmas	FDI Dover on Sealink cover with Paquebot cachet	£9
1980	Famous P	Knutsford, Mrs Gaskells Cranford slogan on PO cover	£16
1980	Conductors	Fairfield, Croydon on official cover	£8
1981	Folklore	FDI London special handstamp on Bill Tidy cartoon cover	£16
1981	Nat Trust	FDI Isle of Wight on Arreton Manor IOW cover	£25
1982	Christmas	FDI London on Allen, Bradley, Marsh cover	£13
1983	Engineering	Radio Lollipop, Childrens Hospital, Rotary Club, Chippenham	£14

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Covers forSale. Please contact Terry Barnett 0151 486 2610 or email terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk
If you would like a scan or a photocopy of any cover please feel free to ask.
All postage FREE.

1979 H. Racing on the Market W. School official	£2
1980 Triple cover Landmarks and London 50p m/s cancelled on 7th May and the 50p stamp cancelled on 9th April on Peter Scot cover	£2

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1981 Nat. Trust. on a Markton Stamps cover with a Holkam Village cds	£2
1981 R Wedding G/P's on the Benham SP6 official	£1
1981 R Wedding with a triple cancel FDI/Wedding Day/Fireworks	£2
1981 Folklore on Bradbury official LFDC7 with a Leicester cancel	£1
1982 Maritime H. on S Petty official with a Broadland cancel	£1
1982 Christmas on the S Petty official with a Salisbury cancel	£1
1983 Comm. Day on the S Petty official with a Gandhi cancel	£1
1983 Comm. Day on the S Petty official with a Queens Road cds	£1
1983 Gardens on the S Petty official with a Hampton Court cancel	£1
1983 Gardens on the Hawkwood official with a Mayfair BO cds	£1
1983 Gardens on the Hawkwood official with a Syon Park cancel	£1
1983 Fairs on the S. Petty official with a Tavistock cancel	£1
1984 C. Heritage booklet panes on 4 matching covers each with a Canterbury cds	£2
1984 28th August Definitives. 13p-34p £1.33 + 16 1/2p and 17p frama labels with a N.E. Parcel Centre Royal Mail Parcels cancel	£3
1984 As above with a Windsor cancel	£3
1984 B Council on the B. Council official with a London SW cancel	£1
1984 Christmas on the Benham BLS6 official with a Norwich cancel	£1
1984 Econ. Summit on the Grange Mus. Official	£1
1984 R Mail on Stamp Bug Club official with a Liverpool cancel	£1
1986 R Wedding on the Stamp Bug Club official with a Windsor cancel	£1
1987 Heraldry BLCS24 signed by Burnett of Ley Banchory cancel	£2
1987 Heraldry BLCS24 signed by Duke of Atholl Dunkeld cancel	£2
1987 Heraldry BLCS24 signed by Earl of Elgin Bannockburn cancel	£2
1987 Heraldry BLCS24 signed by Irvine of Drum Banchory cancel	£2
1987 Vict. Britain BLCS25b signed by Brodie of Brodie Edinburgh cancel	£2
1987 Vict. Britain BLCS25b signed by Aberdeen & Temair (?) Edinburgh cancel	£2
1987 Vict. Britain BLCS25b signed by Bute Edinburgh cancel	£2
1987 Vict. Britain BLCS25b signed by Jean Fforde Edinburgh cancel	£2
1987 Vict. Britain BLCS25 signed by Ray Storrey (?) London SW7 cancel	£1
1990 1d Black m/s on the Benham BS28 official with an NPM cancel	£2
1994 Postage Dues on two Benham D222 covers with a London EC cancel	£8

I also have a selection of Benham Gold and Special Gold covers. If you have a wants list please contact me and I will send you a list.

Also available at £1 each is a selection of Benham definitives numbered from D183 to D244. Again if you have a wants list please contact me.

FOR SALE: 6 Thames FDC albums in black - £45 including p&p. Please email Anne Tucker on catucker@btinternet.com

Contact Details: Miles Hobson email miles.hobson@tiscali.co.uk phone 01403 251282 Postage £1

1980 L&M Railway	Benham BOCS 18 with FDI Liverpool SHS	£1
1980 Sport	Benham BOCS 23 official with AAA Crystal Palace SHS	£1
1980 Sport	Benham BOCS SP3 official with ABA Wembley SHS	£1
1981 Year of Disabled	Benham BOCS(2) 2 official with Guide Dogs SHS	£1
1982 Maritime Heritage	Benham BOCS(2) 12 official with Shipwrights SHS	£1
1982 British Textiles	Benham BLS 5 with William Morris, Water House SHS	£1
1982 Christmas	Benham Salisbury Cathedral with Good King Wenceslas SHS	£2
1983 Commonwealth	Benham BOCS(2) 18 official with Gatwick SHS	£1
1983 Engineering	Benham BOCS(2) 19 official with Iolair, Aberdeen SHS	£1
1983 Christmas	Benham BOCS(2) 23 official with Lyminge SHS signed Rector	£1
1984 Economic Summit	Benham BOCS(2) 29 official with London (50p shape) SHS	£1

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1984	Christmas	Benham BOCS(2) 32 official with Durham SHS	£1
1986	Halley's Comet	Benham BLCS10b with FDI London SHS	£1
2000	Sound & Vision	Benham Pilgrim official with Sheffield SHS	£6
2004	Royal Hort. Soc.	Benham BLCS 281b official with Rettendon SHS	£2
2006	Smilers generic	Benham BLCS 331b with Mount Pleasant SHS	£3
2006	Lest We Forget	Benham BLCS 343 official with Chelsea SHS	£3
2008	Lanc & York	Benham BLCS 389b with Westminster FDI SHS	£3
1985	Insects Pilgrim	Photo 2-85 with Entomological Society SHS	£3
1985	Composers	Pilgrim Photo 3-85 with Handel Westminster Abbey SHS	£3
1985	Royal Mail	Pilgrim Photo 5-85 with London Post SHS	£3
1985	Arthurian Legend	Pilgrim Photo 6-85 with FDI Tintagel SHS	£2
1985	Films Pilgrim	Photo 7-85 with Leicester Sq (Pink Panther) SHS	£3
1986	Industry Year	Pilgrim Photo 1-86 with BP London SHS	£3
1986	Halley's Comet	Pilgrim Photo 2-86 with FDI London SE10 SHS	£2
1986	Nature Conservation	Pilgrim Photo 4-86 with RSPB Sandy SHS	£3
1986	Medieval Life Pilgrim	Photo 5-86 with Domesday, London WC2 SHS	£3
1986	Royal Wedding	Pilgrim Photo 7-86 with Westminster Abbey SHS	£2
1986	Royal Wedding 23/7	Pilgrim Photo with Westminster Abbey SHS	£2
1986	Christmas	Pilgrim Photo 10-86 with Glastonbury Thorn SHS	£3
1987	Flowers	Pilgrim Photo 1-87 with Wisley SHS	£3
1987	Isaac Newton	Pilgrim Photo 2-87 with Woolsthorpe SHS	£3
1987	Architects in Europe	Pilgrim Photo 3-87 with Clore Gallery SHS	£3
1987	Scot. Heraldry	Pilgrim Photo 5-87 with Order of the Thistle SHS	£3
1988	Transport	Pilgrim Photo 4-88 with Imperial Airways SHS	£3
1989	Microscopes	Pilgrim Photo 7-89 with Oxford SHS	£3
1991	Sport	Pilgrim Photo 4-91 with Sheffield SHS	£3
1991	Maps	Pilgrim Photo 7-91 with Garden of England, Hamstreet SHS	£3
1992	Europa	Pilgrim Photo 4-92 with Columbus, Portsmouth SHS	£3
1992	Civil War	Pilgrim Photo 5-92 with Oliver Cromwell SHS	£3
1992	Gilbert & Sullivan	Pilgrim Photo 6-92 with Lambeth Walk SHS	£3
1992	Christmas	Pilgrim Photo 9-92 with St Mary's Bibury SHS	£3
1993	Mar. T'keepers	Pilgrim Photo 2-93 with SS Great Britain SHS	£3
1994	Postcards	Pilgrim Photo 3-94 with Broadstairs SHS	£3
1995	Cats	Pilgrim Photo 1-95 with CPL Horsham SHS	£3
1995	Christmas	Pilgrim Photo 9-95 with Canterbury SHS	£3

Contact Details: IR Harvey. Tel:01722 328941 E-mail: irv@live.co.uk

1937	Coronation illus CDS Manchester slightly stained PA	£5
1948	Silver Wedding 2 1/2 p Only display text Southampton wavy line pmk PA	£3
1952	5 Dec Define Display Text Xmas Slogan Neat HW £3 1958 Empire Games Cardiff Slogan PTS Cover AT	£20
1958	Empire Games Empire Games Village Slogan (neatly opened) PTS AT	£18
1958	Empire Games Llanberis Slogan PTS AT	£20
1961	CEPT Conference Slogan AP	£3
1961	Parliament Neat H/w PTA Cover Parliament Slogan	£10
1962	NPY Liverpool Phos AT	£20
1962	NPY CDS Tamworth CDS ORD AT	£15
1963	Paris Conference Dover Pkt Service PTS Cover Ord TA	£6
1963	Red Cross envelope type FDI London WC PTA Cover PA ORD	£10
1963	Red Cross Aylesbury CDS Grammar School Cover PA ORD	£10
1963	Commonwealth Cable ORD 150th Anniversary of Human Rights Slogan UA	£10
1964	Forth Road Bridge Plain Cover Birmingham -Crewe TPO PA	£5
1965	Churchill Soton T Southampton Show Slogan TA Phos	£10
1965	Churchill. Churchill Oxford CDS ORD TA	£20

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1965 Churchill Bladon Oxford FD1 ORD PA	£7
1965 700 Anniv Parliament ORD Dover CDS Neat h/w	£8
1965 Arts Festival Phos Liverpool FD1 Neat h/w	£5
1965 Arts Festival ORD London EC FD1 Neat h/w	£5
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1973 Christmas FDC – Cheshire History Official

In First Day Coverage June 2014 edition 121, pages 6/7, Selwyn Goodacre highlights “the strange case of the 141st anniversary of the birth of Lewis Carroll”. It really is, as Selwyn suggests, a very unusual anniversary to celebrate.

Selwyn refers to the set of six official covers with the Lewis Carroll handstamp which are seen fairly regularly and are catalogued by Adrian Bradbury and goes on to say that no-one has ever seen a full set of stamps on the official cover and they were probably never issued, although he would love to be proved wrong.

In the August newsletter Terry Barnett provided additional information that the covers had been produced by the owner of the Runcorn Stamp Shop on behalf of the Cheshire History Society.

Well, here is the full set cover (figure 1 below) and I believe this to be the only one still in existence although not the only one produced. (*Editor – the scan is in B/W so reproduces poorly. It's all we have and we thank Ken for sending it in*)

The full set cover is stamped on the reverse that 40 covers were produced and is certified to that effect by R Walker (a colleague of Charlie Parsons at the Runcorn Stamp Shop?).

Many years ago, possibly in an early edition of our newsletter, I read an article saying that the full set covers had been cut up and the stamps sold as used sets (I believe) because the covers were thought to be of too cramped an appearance with all six stamps on.

If this is true it is surely a prime example of philatelic vandalism but fortunately one cover escaped the scissors!

Ken Brown



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We thought this subject to be interesting enough to run again the article by Selwyn Goodacre that appeared on pages 6/7 of the June 2014 Newsletter. It helps to explain Ken Brown's reply. Also to underline the catalogue value of the 141st Anniversary of Lewis Carroll, Daresbury handstamp on an ordinary Royal Mail cover. A similar Royal Mail cover with the full set of 1973 Christmas stamps bearing the above handstamp (image at the end of this article) was sold by Sajal for £175 (Cat. given at the time £225, since updated)

The strange case of the 141st Anniversary of the Birth of Lewis Carroll

By Selwyn Goodacre

This very strange 'official' FDC for the Christmas stamps 28 November 1973 was issued by the 'Cheshire History Series Dept.', Runcorn, Cheshire, where an inserted card says 'This is the third special commemorative First Day Cover to be issued in a collection of 24 to be published at various dates to commemorate famous historic events in the 2000 years of History of Cheshire. No. 1 commemorated Chester founded by the 20th Roman Legion. No. 2 The Siege of Halton Castle.'

Strange fact No. 1 - A trawl through the Bradbury, Booth and Steven Scott catalogues reveals no trace of the first two commemorative FDCs, nor indeed of 21 to follow.

Strange fact No. 2 – 28 November is not the date of Lewis Carroll's birth. He was born on 27 January 1832 – i.e. 141 years before – so at least that is correct.

Strange fact No. 3 – there would appear to be no reason whatsoever to commemorate a 141st anniversary. The number has no significance for Lewis Carroll.

Strange fact No. 4 – as you will see, the cover is small. There is just (only just) space for all six of the stamps, though any example with all six stamps would leave little room for any address, and the cancellation, being obscured by the stamps might be tricky to read.

Strange fact No. 5 – in fact no-one has ever seen an example with all six stamps. Peter Barrett in the *Steven Scott Catalogue* lists such a cover, but admits 'but not yet seen by editor'. You usually find examples of the issue listed as six covers, each with one stamp. Some dealers are now saying that covers with all six stamps were never issued. I think this is very possibly correct – though I would love to be proved wrong.



However – examples are known with the two last stamps in the series on the one cover – see illustration 1. This is my own copy, and is the only example I have ever heard of – or seen.

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The cancellation was also used on commercial covers. I have only ever seen a Post Office cover with the cancellation (see illustration 2, below), which leads us to:

Strange fact No. 6 – the ‘ordinary’ cover is valued by Adrian Bradbury at £250, the set of 6 ‘official’ covers at £90. This reversal of the usual story is highly unusual. I am not knowledgeable enough to know if ordinary covers being far more valuable than official covers is at all common? It must be pretty unusual.

As the Gryphon said in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* – “It's all about as curious as it can be.”



Editor's note – at this point, now we know at least one Official cover exists with the full set of stamps, the question is posed, if the Royal Mail cover (above) is selling for £175 (Updated Cat. £250), then what value is placed on the OFFICIAL cover bearing full set of stamps? Over to you Adrian.

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