

FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the October 2016 edition of First Day Coverage. Unfortunately this edition is going out approximately one week late & we apologise. The official covers for GBFDC are also late and they should have been

dispatched weeks ago. As you can appreciate we cannot go on like this anymore. The association is suffering and my own few cover issues for this year has had to take a back seat. Please see page 5 and 12 for special announcements. The one on page 3 relates to our work for GBFDC; the one on page 12 related to my own business. Due to ill-health and a situation that can't be allowed to continue, sadly we must retire from our positions on the GBFDC Committee and let someone more capable take over.

We have been editing the newsletter for 18 years and the Club covers for 8 years and we should have retired last year if truth were told. We are very sad to be leaving because it has become a way of life more than anything else because GFDC and covers have been our life for the last 18 years. However we do know what we are going to do with all the extra time we will have, rest, rest and more rest, at least for Dot. She must try to gain some

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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 2016

**Queries to: Richard Park, 2 Chaffinch Close,
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Important Notice

DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 2016 EDITION

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

7th November 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

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level of recovery that has eluded her since April 2013.

Now to things more pleasant, and once again 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 have visuals for the GBFDC 3rd and final official cover for 2016 (p5) and the AGM2016 official cover (p8). We hope you like them. The AGM official covers will be available to purchase **ONLY** on the day of the AGM at the door on entry. Any covers left over will be auctioned to those members unable to attend. Details will appear in the December edition.

On pages 6 & 7, Dot shares with us some of her favourite covers. This theme may be carried over to December depending on how much material we have for that edition.

We have a full and varied Member Cover Sale for you this edition but we would like more members to take part so committee members wouldn't need to fill in so much. Sell your duplicate and unwanted covers in our December MCS and gain a few pound for Christmas.

On the 16th of this month is our

AGM and full details and map, plus how to get there are on page 3 as usual. Also dealers attending the cover fair are also announced.

If you are able to attend then you won't be sorry. Not only do you get the opportunity to purchase a potentially valuable official cover but it is a great day out. A free buffet lunch is provided at 12 midday and the AGM starts at 1 pm. Don't forget we have the only First Day Cover fair in Britain.

On pages 14 -16 Selwyn Goodacre shows us some rare Greetings 1990 & 1991 FDCs. Selwyn is also an expert on Lewis Carroll and Alice in Wonderland, amongst other themes, and he has written a book called, Elucidating Alice by Lewis Carroll. Although nothing to do with first day covers, we feel it worth showing the front of the book and where to buy it should any of our members wish to purchase it. It's a wonderful book and for anybody collecting Lewis Carroll & Alice themed covers, it's a must have.

We hope to see as many people as possible a week on Sunday at the AGM. I should be there even if Dot is still too ill to make it.

Until next time happy collecting See you again in December for our last time.

Phil Sheridan & Dot, Hon. Editors

GBFDC 2016 AGM

The Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 16th October 2016 commencing 1pm at the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham, B43 7NF. Tel: 0121 360 1484
Doors open at 10am. A buffet lunch will be available at midday.

Cover Fair - dealers attending :- Brian Reeve, Peter Middleton, Peter Heath, Peter & Michael Maslak, Tony Mee, Terry Hurlstone, Chris Hockaday, Mark Gosling, Phil Sheridan, Richard Park, DayOneCovers (John Chidgey) and Terry Barnett.

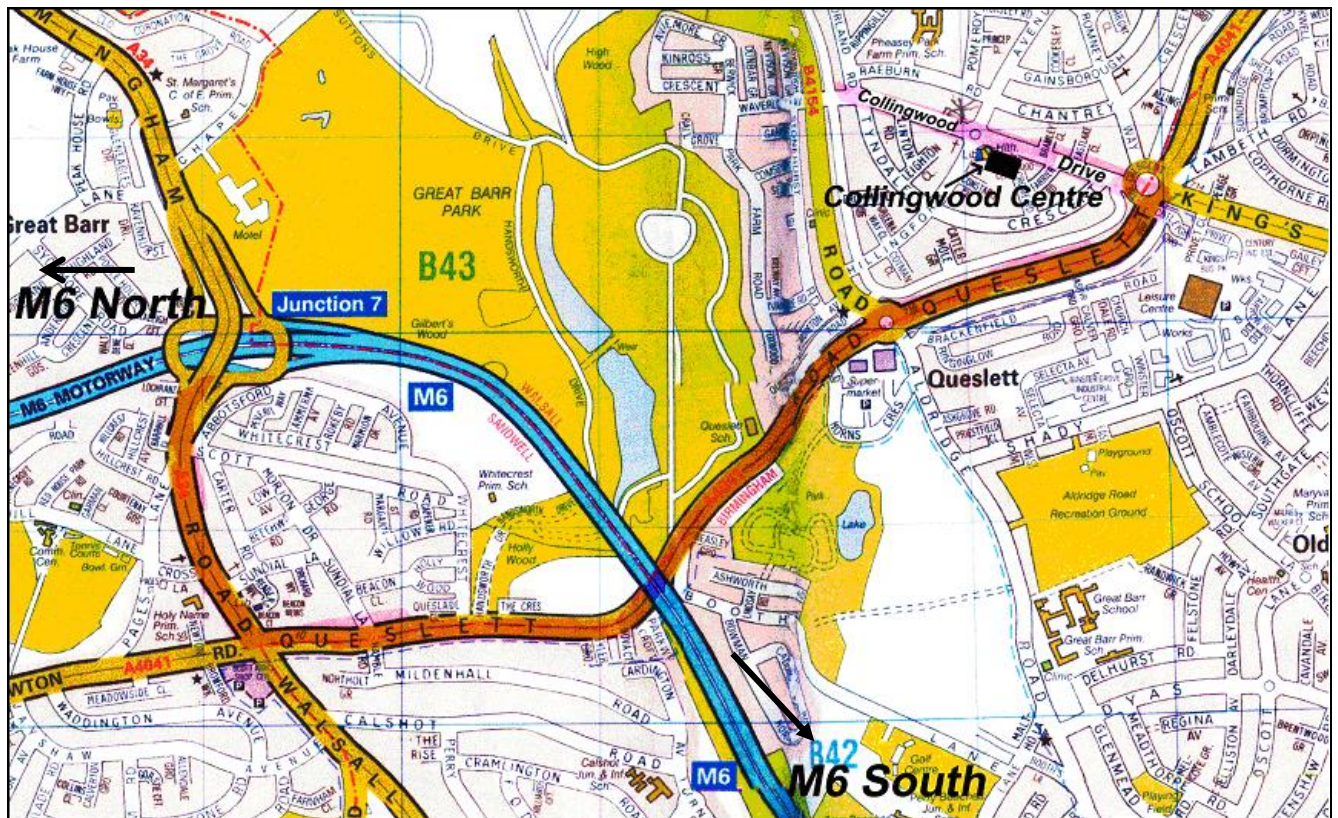
AGENDA

Apologies for Absence
Minutes of the AGM held on 18th October 2015
Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
Newsletter/Official Cover report
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.



Dear Editor....

I was interested to read Jonathan Guy's article on Phil Stamp covers (*First Day Coverage* August 2016). They certainly do not seem at all common. I only have the one example – from the Animal Tales issue of 10 January 2006 – 'Phil Stamps No. 93' - No. 13 of a limited edition of 100. I wonder whether 100 was the usual limitation for them? Like Jonathan's Design Classics example, the cartoon drawn cover is certainly most distinctive.

Selwyn Goodacre (Woodville, South Derbyshire)

Dear Editor....

Answer to Dr. Goodacre

One of my earlier officials was illustrated in the August newsletter. If I remember correctly, I produced 10 with a meter mark and 30 without, but to my knowledge there were no others with a different meter mark. I certainly did not do any. The Scouts meter mark was more than adequate after all the problems I had had getting the final cover produced!!

Could I take this opportunity of thanking Nick Larnar for supplying me with suggestions for future Pub officials whilst he was up a telegraph pole! Nick, I believe, was a telephone engineer.

Mike Brazier

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

FREE PRIZE DRAW

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

Auction Deadlines

Spring GBFDC auction April/ Dear Members,

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

Guideline for Auction Lots

First Day covers ONLY, no commemorative covers please.

No Philatelic Bureau Covers. (Unless on privately produced covers)

No Handwritten covers (Unless they are Rare covers)

No unrelated First Day of Issue covers. (Unless on Privately produced covers)

Covers must be in good condition. (Otherwise they will not sell!)

Minimum Estimate of £5 where possible please.

If have any questions please contact Richard Park 01403 241825 or email rjpark@btinternet.com

The GBFDC Postal Auction No.30 will be available online from 10th October at <http://www.gbfdc.co.uk/auction>. Or if you would like a printed copy please contact **Richard Park 01403 241825, Mobile 07747 803220, or by email:- rjpark@btinternet.com**
In this auction there are some very scarce First Day Covers from the early 1970's, some good Definitive FDC's, and interesting Cinderella and Slogan Covers.

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

GBFDC's THIRD, AND FINAL, OFFICIAL COVER FOR 2016 Agatha Christie – 15 September 2016

We have been very fortunate again and have managed to obtain permission to feature Bijou Theatre Productions, Palace Theatre, Paignton, Devon. Bijou Theatre Productions only put on 4 plays per year and they are usually Agatha Christie plays. We hope you like it. We would like to thank Ciaran Brooks for kind help given.

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We were going to look at the stamp issue for 20 October but when it was announced it was Mr. Men. We felt we had done one children's based cover this year with Animapl so we went with Agatha Christie. The Great Fire of London is our cover for 2016 AGM and it is shown on page 8. Unfortunately Agatha Christie covers will be quite late as well. We do apologise sincerely.

Special Announcement –

Ill-health has prevented us from doing our work for GBFDC to a satisfactory level and for this we apologise sincerely. It has caused lengthy delays in getting out GBFDC covers and Newsletters. We have limped on over the last 3 and a half years, since Dot's major relapse, and we have been hoping that she would improve and go back in to remission. Sadly, that has not been the case, her condition has worsened during this year unfortunately. For these reasons we have decided to retire from our position on the GBFDC Committee and hand over the cover production and newsletter to someone more capable. GBFDC does have someone to take over from us and, once this person has been co-opted on to the committee at the AGM, we will let you know where to send in your material, articles and letters for the newsletter. We are also very happy that GBFDC official covers will be in excellent hands. Your new editor will be very efficient and the newsletter may also be in full colour too. We know you will support the new editor just as much as you have Dot and I. However we also hope you will send in more material so there are articles in hand for future newsletters too. More about this in the December edition.

Hon. Editors, Phil & Dot

Some of my Favourite Covers.....By Dot Radley

My cover collection is pretty small compared to the majority of members' collections. I came to cover collecting a little late, at aged 45, in 1996. I joined the GBFDC Association and the rest is history. However, being confined to a 'fixed budget', I never had the money to add high value covers to my collection so I bought whatever took my fancy within my budget. I also did my own covers and purchased from Phil Sheridan the odd cover along the way. So Where to start? In the early years before Phil started to produce her own official covers we used to combine talents and come up with unusual covers to say the least. One such cover was for Tales of Horror 13/5/97. We printed a black Bat on to 5 sheets of grey card that we had and fashioned 5 envelopes. We then sent them off for Carfax Gowns, Birkenhead meter mark to be applied (We did 3 4d Post covers with the same meter mark at the time.) They arrived back with perfect impressions and we were delighted. We affixed on the sets of Horror stamps and sent all 8 off to the SHC for Carfax Estate, Purfleet, Essex special handstamp.



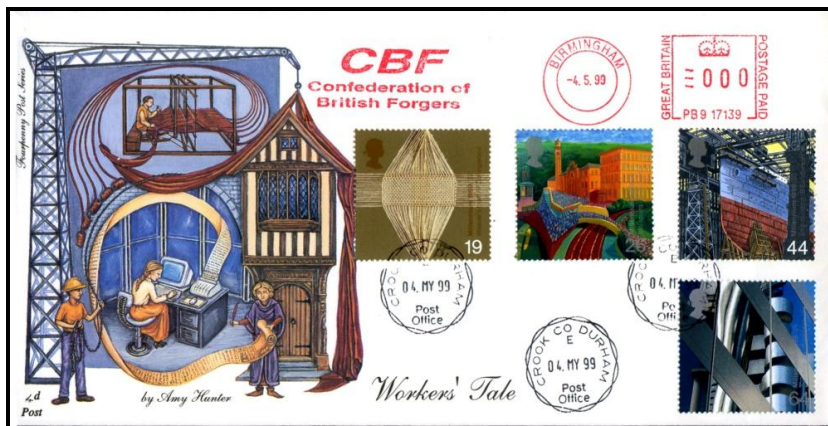
The handstamps were applied perfectly also and we were delighted (Fig.1.) Four Bat covers and 2 4d Post covers were sold at the time. One 4d Post cover I sold a few months back but I still have one of the Bat covers. We have been asked on several occasions by different people to sell them this cover but we have always declined. Who knows, it might end up on one of my lists one day.

One cover I did purely by myself was for Body & Bone and, again, I only did 5. I knew the Millennium Dome had a Post Office and they were selling special Millennium Dome Souvenir covers so I wrote off for as many as I could afford. I sent enough money for 15 covers. Only 5 arrived back to me with a handwritten note to say they only had 5 left. Needless to say I didn't get any change from my cheque for 15. However I was pleased I had acquired the last 5. I affixed a set of 4 Body & Bone stamps to it and selected the most appropriate handstamp (Fig.2.). Off they went to the SHC. A short time afterwards I was showing them around the Liverpool stamp fair and I was informed that I had inadvertently created a rare official cover.



The handstamp I chose there was no official cover made for it so this cover is the closest it will ever be to an official. As there were only 5 done, and by me, I can almost guarantee there are no more around. There is a very minute chance that there might be one or two but none have been declared and I have shown this cover in the newsletter before. It is now quite valuable.

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The cover opposite is one of my favourite meter mark & CDS combinations (Fig.3.).

It was done for the Worker's Tale stamps 4/5/99. I can't remember who I bought it from but it still tickles me today.

It's a 4d Post cover with Confederation of British Forgers meter mark and Crook CDS!! Such is the English language that Forgers can mean two different things!!



Fig.4. This official cover was one Phil Sheridan did for the Castles miniature sheet 22/3/05 with The Castle meter mark. I bought it because I had a mint set of gold Queen's Head Castle stamps that I thought would go nicely with it. I am very pleased how well this cover turned out.

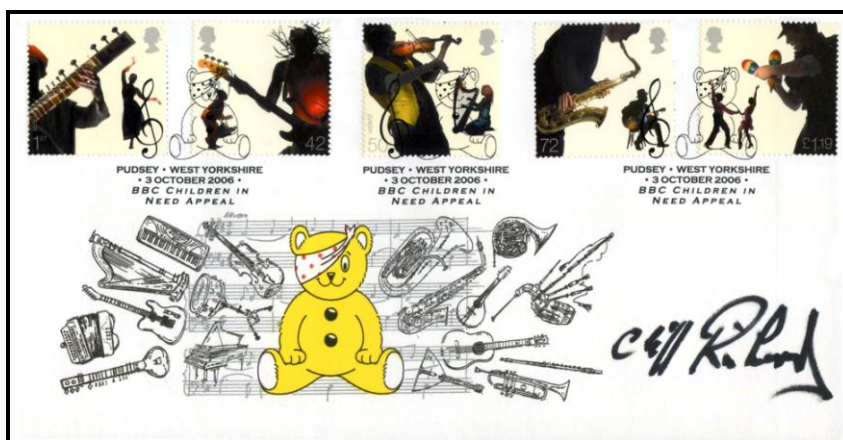


Fig.5. I don't often buy signed covers but when I do it has to be a signature that is a good one. These covers were produced by G. Lovell for BBC Children in Need appeal with Sounds of Britain stamp set affixed 3/10/06. I am happy to show it here regardless of the, probably untrue, rumours surrounding Cliff Richard. It's still one of my favourite. (No.17 of 25).

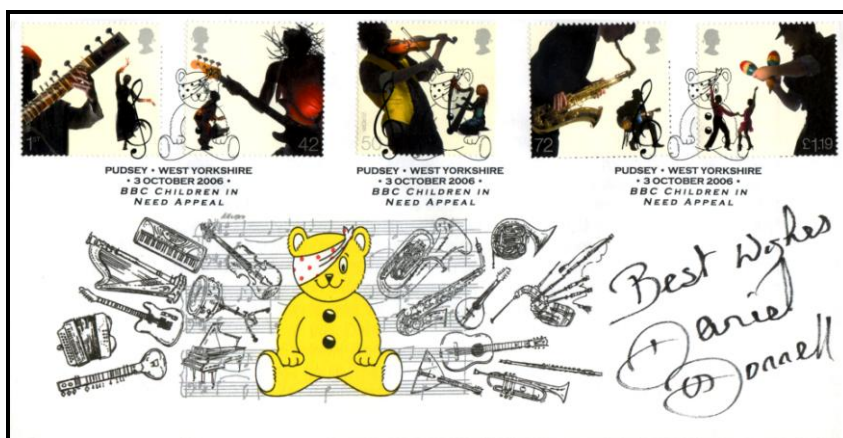


Fig.6. Is the same cover as above with Daniel O'Donnell's signature (No.18 of 100). In my opinion it's another good signature to have. Whilst there are 100 of these covers, Daniel's legion of fans run into the millions. Isn't it nice to have signatures that one can read for a change?!

If there is space I will show a few more favourite covers in the next newsletter

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GBFDC's AGM2016 OFFICIAL COVER – Great Fire of London – 02 September 2016

We managed to obtain permission to feature the British Fire Services Association (BFSA),
for our AGM official cover. We hope you like it

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to members)*



This cover image is for member information and the actual covers are only available for purchase at the AGM venue, Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham on Sunday 16th October 2016. Any covers remaining over at the end of the day will be available via auction to those members who could not make it on the day. The auction will be announced in the December newsletter.

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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 Rd. NOTTINGHAM NG8 1FQ

1997 Architects of the Air	Nene Valley Railway (official)	£5
1997 Queen's Horses	St. Andrew's, Fife	£5
1997 Enid Blyton	Operation Avalanche, Eastney, Southsea	£5
1997 Christmas	Santa Specials, Nene Valley Railway (Official)	£5
1997 Queen's Golden	Westminster Abbey (Text within bell) official	£17
1998 End. Species	Manchester United Museum & Tour Centre	£5
1998 Diana	A Tribute to Diana, Kensington official (CoverCraft)	£7
1998 Queen's Beasts	Dortmund E.M.S. Canal, Woodhall Spa	£5
1998 Lighthouses	Man. United Museum & Tour Centre (Official)	£7
1998 Comedians	British Comedy Greats, Blackpool (Little Postmark!)	£6
1998 Nat. Health	Heart of the Matter (official)	£9
1998 Carnival	Arsenal. Champions & F.A. Cup Winners	£8
1998 Speed	Heathrow Airport, Hounslow	£6
1999 Traveller's Tale	Ulysses Road (P.Payne official)	£23
1999 Patient's Tale	Macclesfield Football Club (Official)	£9
1999 Settler's Tale	Leaving Liverpool (Liver Building)	£4
2000 Water & Coast	Man. Utd. In Europe Again (Official)	£12
2000 Life & Earth	Frog Lane (GB36 official)	£15
2001 Cats & Dogs	Lawton & Stokes Vet Surgeons, Romford	£8
2001 Buses	The Red Arrows, Cranwell	£6
2002 Circus	Circus, Kings Langley (Official)	£25
2002 Airliners	Gatwick GBFDC Top Flight Covers	£6

Covers for Sale. Please contact Terry Barnett 0151 486 2610 or email

terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk

If you would like a photocopy or scan of any cover please contact me. All illustrated unless shown. Postage Free.

Jersey 1978 Operation Drake cover signed by John Blashford-Snell	£2
16/8/65 -- 2x3d+2x1d + 4x4d 2/- Booklet panes. Plain cover with a Barnet cds. Neat H/W add	£7
9/6/82 -- 1p/2p/3p/4p/5p/10p/20p/25p Postage Dues on four matching covers with a Bath Sorting Office cancel	£8

The complete series of 24 of the Bill Tidy first day cover collection from 1978 -- 1983. Very few complete sets available. £95

1982 Disabled on the DDMC official with a London W3 cancel	£6
2012 Farm Animals Sheepdrove cancel	£2
2012 Pigs Swine cancel	£2
2012 Cattle Cowes cancel	£2

The following are all POST & GO R.M. covers with a typed add.

2010 Birds 1 Bristol cancel	£2
2011 Birds 2 Bristol cancel	£2

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2011 Birds 3 Bristol cancel	£2
2011 Birds 4 Bristol cancel	£2
2013 20 th Feb. 2 nd & 2 nd large London N1 cancel	£2
2013 Pondlife Fishers Pond cancel	£2
2013 Lakes Lake cancel	£2
2013 Rivers River cancel	£2
26 Feb. 1969 6 x 4d Regional stamps on 6 covers	£3
4 Sept. 1968 4d & 5d Regional stamps on 6 covers	£3
6 Jan. 1969 4d & 8d with a Windsor cancel	£1
1969 Christmas on the Temple of Jerusalem official	£7
1969 Gandhi on the Hackney CRC official	£7
1969 Cathedrals on six covers with appropriate cancels	£3
1969 Anniversaries on 5 covers each with a Liverpool fdi	£2
1969 Anniversaries 5d on the Manchester Airport official with a BAMS cancel Cat £30	£3
1969 Anniversaries 5d on the Manchester Airport official with a Manchester cds	£1
1969 Concorde on the BAC official with a Filton fdi	£1
1965 P O Tower PHOS with a London WC fdi	£2
1968 B. Anniversaries on four cover with appropriate cancels	£1
1965 B. of B. with a London EC fdi typed add.	£2
2/4/69 5d Not. Anniv. on the Alcock and B. official with an Alcock and Brown slogan cancel. Cat £40	£5
1977 9p Jubilee on the Nuneaton B.C. official Cat £50	£10
1994 Postage Dues with a Edwards Crown cancel	£8
11/11/96 Greetings REPRINT with a Windsor cancel SCARCE	£12

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

1970	Christmas	FDI London on Historic Relics cover (neat h/w)	£5
1977	Heads of Gov	FDI London special handstamp on Historic Relics cover	£5
1978	Christmas	Bethlehem on Historic Relics cover	£5
1979	Year of Child	Bureau on Historic Relics cover	£5
1973	Indigo Jones	Bureau on Textiles & Philately woven picture card	£12
1973	Royal Wedd	Great Somerford on Textiles & Philately woven picture card	£8
1975	Railways	Bureau on Textiles & Philately woven picture card	£8
1976	USA BiCent	FDI Fareham on Textiles & Philately woven picture card	£6
1976	Roses	Bureau on Textiles & Philately woven picture card	£8
1977	Heads of Gov	King George V, Hereford on PO cover (unaddressed)	£6
1978	Energy	Bureau on PO cover with Shell overprint	£8
1979	Cycling	FDI Dumfries with Kirkpatrick Macmillan, blacksmith of Courthill, Dumfrieshire, Inventor of the Bicycle in 1839 cachet	£25
1979	Dogs	FDI Battersea plus Battersea Dogs Home cachet on PO cover	£12
1979	Flowers	FDI Kings Lynn plus Sandringham Estate cachet on PO cover	£4
1980	Famous P	Knutsford, Mrs Gaskells Cranford slogan on PO cover	£16
1972	BBC	Man City Kick Off in UEFA Cup on Dawn official cover (3p only)	£10
1976	Caxton	William Caxton Plymouth on Plymouth College official (neat h/w)	£75
1979	Year of Child	International Bowls Tournament official cover	£25
1982	Christmas	FDI London EC on Allen, Brady & Marsh cover	£8
1983	Engineering	Radio Lollipop, Childrens Hospital, Rotary Club, Chippenham	£12
1991	Scientific Ac	Computer Innovation, Wembley on Arlington official cover	£60

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UNSOLD LOTS FROM THE LAST CLUB AUCTION – ALL HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY 10%

GRAB A BARGAIN!!

1937 Coronation IOM to Blackpool illustrated first day flight cover neat HA RARE	£40.50
1965 Churchill (ord) with relevant Folkestone CDS (Cinque Ports) TA Cat £50	£9
1966 Technology (ord) with relevant Folkestone CDS TA Cat £85	£22.50
1968 Anniversaries 4 GPO FDCs with control blocks of 6. Relevant H/S AL	£13.50
1969 Gandhi HCRC Official PA Cat £40	£22.50
1970 Architecture Cirencester CDS AL Cat £75	£31.50
1970 Literary Broadstairs Official 4x5d PL Cat £90 Rare and under- catalogued	£22.50
1970 Literary Chigwell official TA Cat £95	£27
1971 General Anniversaries British Legion BF1182 H/S AL Cat £275	£99
1973 EEC Harwich Gateway to Europe cover Harwich CDS UA Cat £75	£31.50
1974 Fire Cambridge official UA Cat £200	£81
1974 UPU Isle of Wight Mountbatten cover with Carisbrooke CDS AL Cat £125	£27
1974 Britons Royal Tournament Official UA Cat £70	£27
1975 Railways Welshpool and Llanfair cover Shrewsbury FDI TA	£18
1977 Silver Jubilee Croydon official AL Cat £150	£67.50
1978 Horses World Dressage official PA Cat £75	£22.50
1979 Dogs Brighton and Hove Stadium cover with Brighton FDI UA Cat £50	£9
1980 Railways Kelloggs official AL Cat £35	£13.50
1980 Queen Mother GMT Official AL cat £50	£9
1981 Royal Wedding Lincoln Cathedral official UA Cat £60	£18
1983 Christmas British Telecom official PA Cat £60	£22.50
1985 Royal Mail £1.53 booklet with cover tied UA Bagshot H/S Cat £95	£9
1986 Medieval Life Wakefield/Wachefeld FDI UA Cat £15	£5
1986 Medieval Life Ipswich/Gepeswiz H/S UA Cat £15	£5
1997 Queen's Horses Windsor Castle CDS TA Cat £150	£41.50
1937 (10 May) defines Liverpool CDS on J Stephen flown cover to IOM TA	£4.50
1965 (6 Dec) 2/- Christmas booklet on usual display cover Hythe CDS UA Cat £275	£171
1994 Postage Dues on Bradbury official PA Cat £50	£13.50
2009 High Values Bureau H/S TA Cat £15	£4.50

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22.03.88 Sport Liverpool FC 16 Championship wins Record Holders official	£50
10.01.90 Penny Black Anniv. Set on Sotherby's Silk fdc cancel Kidderminster	£10
23.01.90 RSPCA & 17.01.95 Cats. - Full set of 95 Cats stamps added to 1990 RSPCA Cats Protection League official cover (9 stamps)	£20
05.07.94 Golf RM fdc Inter Sport slogan plus St. Andrews The Home of Golf SHS	£15
16.04.96 Cinema Great Scott, 100 Years of Cinema, Windsor signed Barbara Windsor	£40
01.10.96 Classic Cars Nigel Mansell Racing Car Legend Benham (Triple dated, one with Isle of Man stamp and Douglas cancel). Third with 1 st class NVI cancelled 12 July 1996 signed by Nigel Mansell	£40
01.10.96 Classic Cars 4d Post fdc Aston Martin Lagonda M/M & Aston Martin H/S very rare	£25
03.01.98 Dracula Commem. Film poster cover with the 26 Dracula stamp signed by Christopher Lee in gold ink (33 of 39)	£20
24.03.98 Lighthouses Life & Loves of a She Devil cover signed by Dennis Waterman, Patricia Hodge and the late Fay Weldon (A great cover)	£25

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23.04.98 Comedians Bradbury fdc, Morecambe signed by Ernie Wise	£40
23.04.98 Comedians 4d Post fdc The Stage M/M cancel Torquay CDS. Perfect cover.	£10
29.09.98 Speed 4d Post fdc with LUX Traffic Control M/M & Pendine SHS (very rare)	£20
29.09.98 Speed 4d Post fdc with Historic Grand Prix Cars Association M/M & Sir Malcolm Campbell, Castle Combe SHS cancel (very rare)	£20
07.12.99 Artist's Tale on Bletchley Park official	£20
02.11.99 Christian's Tale on Sinking The Tirpitz, Lossiemouth official (No.32 of 43)	£20
02.11.99 Christian's Tale on Macintyre Thomas Becket, Canterbury official (46 of 65)	£20
01.08.00 Tree & Leaf on Macintyre Molash, Canterbury official (51 of 60)	£20
07.03.00 Water & Coast on Bletchley Park official	£20
06.06.00 People & Place on Bletchley Park official	£20
06.06.00 People & Place on Macintyre, Dunkirk 60 th Anniversary Ramsgate official	£20
16.07.02 Commonwealth Games Kingsland official (49 of 65)	£15
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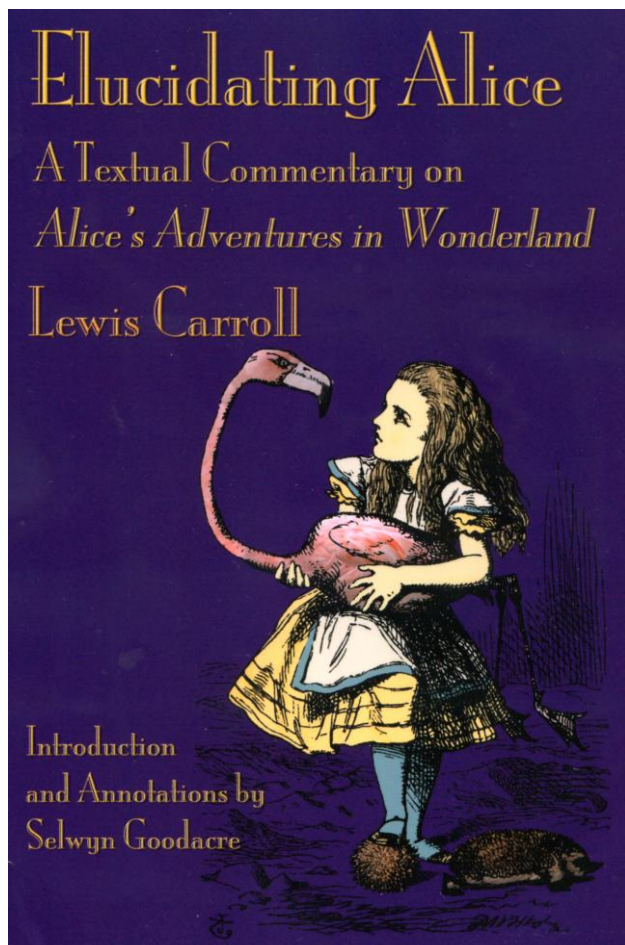
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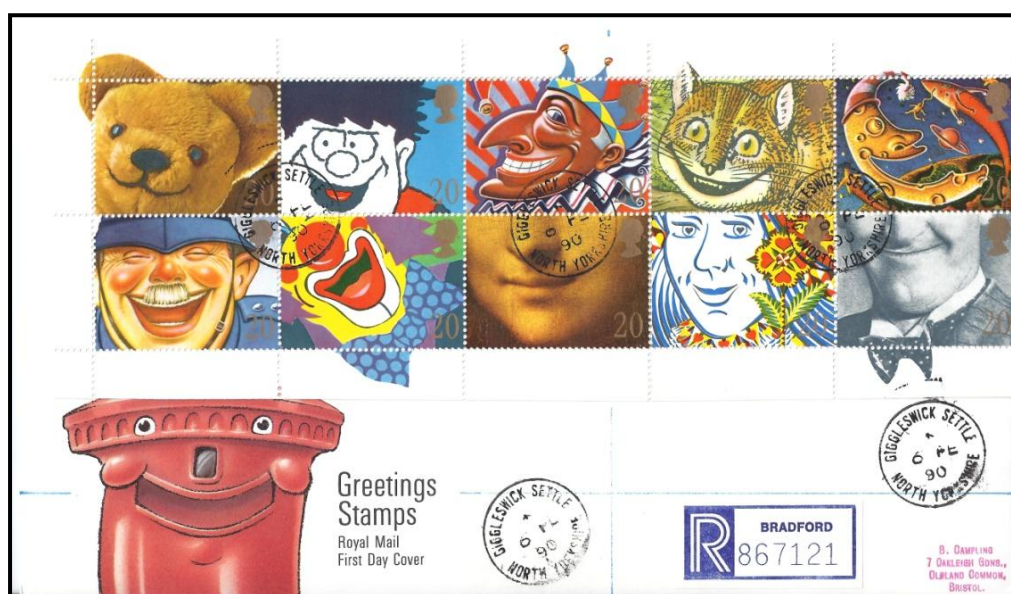
‘Greetings’ covers from 1990 and 1991

by Selwyn Goodacre

Royal Mail began the idea of simultaneously issuing a number of different stamps all of the same value, with their ‘Greetings’ issue of 31 January 1989. At first there were just five stamps, but with the next set - ‘Greetings (Smiles)’ 6 February 1990 - things took off. Now there were 10 stamps all featuring different smiles – from a Teddy Bear to Stan Laurel. The series continued with variations of subject (‘Memories’ ‘Messages’ ‘Gift Giving’ etc.) annually up to and including 1997. Let us have a look at what was on offer in 1990 and 1991 (of particular interest to me on account of them including the Cheshire-Cat from *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*).

I have previously related my thoughts on the strange problem of the ‘extra bits’ (*First Day Coverage* October 2011), so let us leave that to one side here.

Dealers had a field day playing with the concept of smiles – which they took to include laughter.



So we had Pictorial Hand Stamps, or circular date stamps for the village of Clowne near Chesterfield; Giggleswick (for a short while I was actually at a school in Giggleswick); Laughton Common, near Sheffield; Laughterton near Lincoln; Merry Hill, near Wolverhampton

If there were other connections – then they were utilised as well. There is a Teddy Bear Shop at Ironbridge, so there was a PHS for that; Bow Street, Constable Burton near Leyburn, and Constable Road, near Sheffield (all because of the laughing policeman!); Bear Park, and Pudsey (for Teddy); Catsfield (in honour the Cheshire-Cat); and Puncheston, near Haverford West (for Mr Punch, of course).

And there were more – we had Ulverston (birthplace of Stan Laurel), Oxford (celebrating Lewis Carroll); Greet, near Birmingham, and Send, near Woking (purely for the concept of ‘Greetings’)

On 26 March 1991, Royal Mail followed with another ‘Greetings (Smiles)’ issue, simply repeating the same ten stamps as the 1990 issue, except for ‘20p’ being replaced by ‘1st’. So we had a repeat of the same variety of pictorial hand stamps and circular date stamps. I cannot claim to have every related PHS or CDS, but I can say that in addition to the Policeman examples above, for this issue I do have Law Carluke, Lanarkshire CDS.

All these covers are fun to collect – several of them required registered mail in order to accommodate the right place – which all adds to the thrill of the chase (see for example my article on registration marks in *FD Coverage* February 2016).

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Two Rare Covers

By Selwyn Goodacre

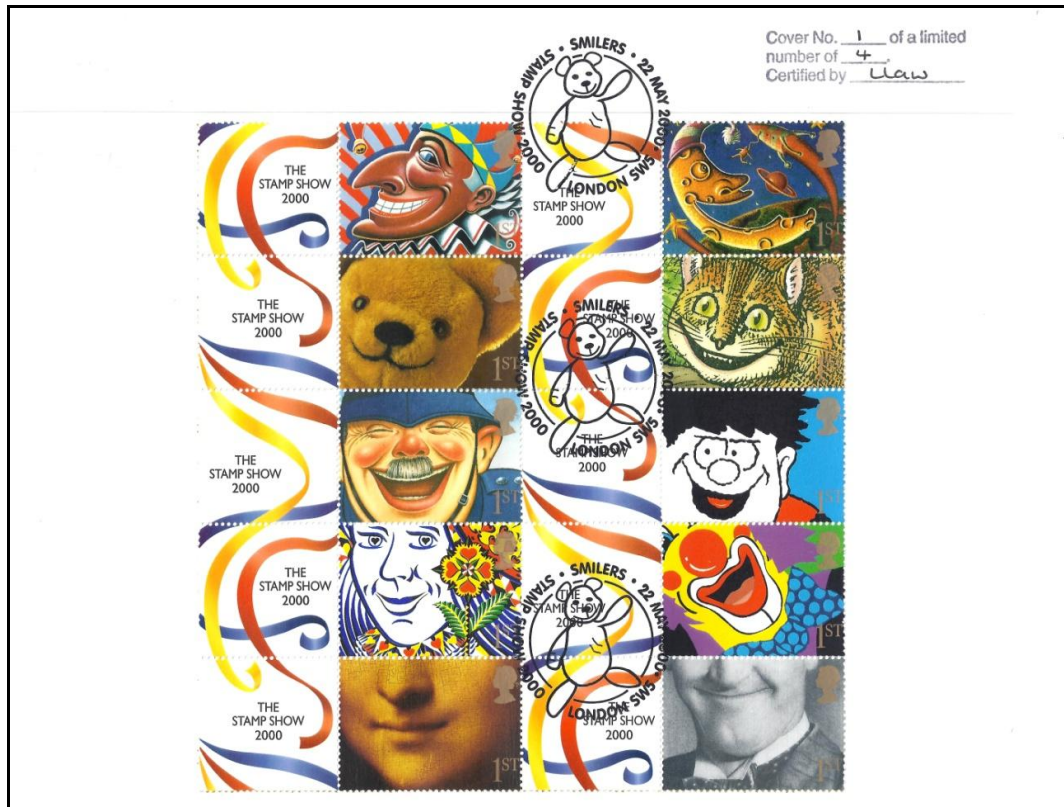
The famous 'Smiler' sheets were first issued in 2000 for the Stamp Show. Examples of the ones from 2000 are becoming a little scarce these days I understand. Curiously the actual stamps are repeats of the 'first class' stamps from the Greetings issue of 1991 (which themselves were a repeat of the 1990 Greetings issue, though with '1st' replacing '20p'). As we all know, 'Smiler' sheets have continued to appear in subsequent years – the original title of 'Smilers' being retained, even though the subjects latterly have nothing to do with smiles.

In 2000 the Benham Company seized the opportunity to create first day covers using the 2000 Smiler sheets, creating individual PHS's for each stamp. The ones in my collection are each from a limited total of 50 – for each version.

They also, very enterprisingly, took a 1990 Greetings FDC (produced by Presentation Philatelic Services) with a 'Hartford Cheshire PHS' and added the 2000 Smiler sheet on the reverse, with their 'Teddy Bear' PHS – the result was limited to an edition of 13 only. I have number 8.

Benham repeated the idea of combining the Smiler sheet with an earlier Greetings FDC – this time taking a 1991 Greetings FDC (again a Presentation Philatelic Services cover) with a 1991 'Clowne Chesterfield' PHS, and adding the 2000 Smiler sheet on the reverse (this reverse is shown) – the result this time was limited to 4 only – happily I have number 1 (and, I may add, our Surgery Practice Nurse has one of the other three!) Whether they issued similar covers with different originals from the 1990 and 1991 Greetings FDCs, I have no idea.

These very small limitations may seem a little contrived – but to have examples does add some glitter to the collection.



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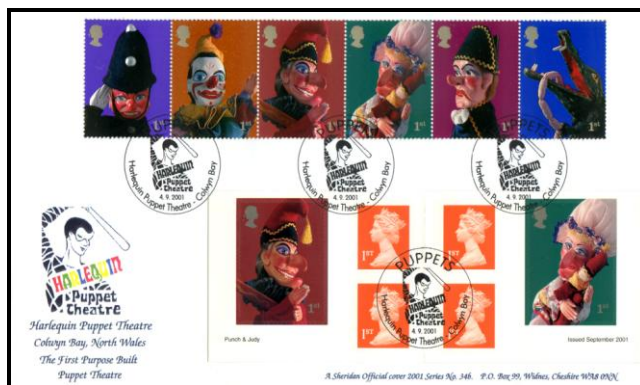
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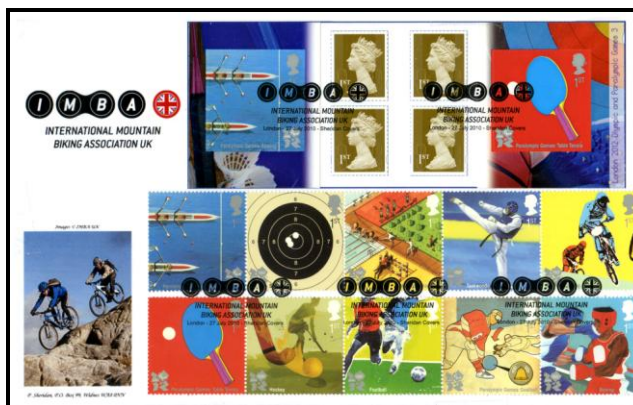
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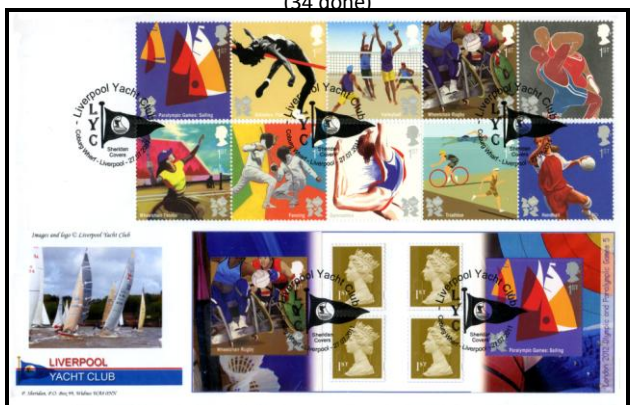
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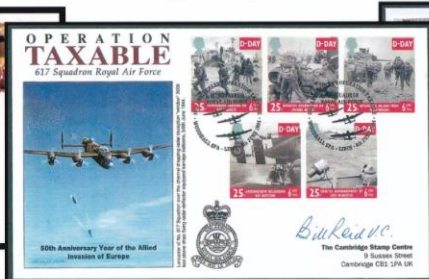
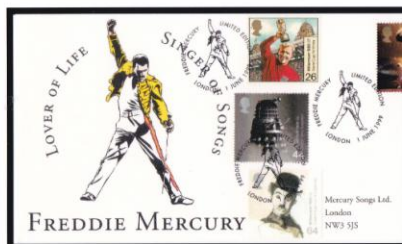
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