

FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the December, and last, edition of First Day Coverage for 2014. We hope that receiving this Newsletter a little late does not spoil your enjoyment. Dot is still quite ill which is having a profound effect on

getting work out. We do apologise and can only hope the situation will improve after we both have a much needed rest over the Christmas and early New Year period.

We were delighted to receive several articles recently so we have them in hand for the next issue of Coverage. If your article has not appeared in this edition then it will be in the February newsletter. However just because we have a couple of features in hand please don't stop sending in your material. We need all we can get from you. We know your newsletter will be the last thing you think about over the holiday period. Family and friends must take priority, but when you have a spare hour or so, please think of us and send in an article, or an unusual find, or a letter for the 'Letters Page'. We will be more than happy to receive it.

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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.**

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Important Notice

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2015 EDITION

Items for publication **MUST** be with the editor by
7th January 2015

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.....*

will be able to make it next year, fingers crossed.

The AGM2014 official cover auction is on page 3. Please get your bids in as early as possible. Please remember, the auction is only open to those members unable to attend on the day for whatever reason.

On page 4 is the application form for 2015 GBFDC Association official covers. Again, please get your orders to Terry Barnett as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment.

The minutes of the AGM2014 are on page 5. Please read them as they contain information regarding your association.

Two very rare covers are profiled by Colin Young on page 6. If you can help Colin then please send feedback to the usual address at the bottom of the first page, or shown in the 'Officers' column opposite.

We have an early 'heads up' regarding next year's AGM on page 8. Put it in your new diary that you get for Christmas so you won't forget. If you can attend then we would be more than happy to see you there.

Dot and I apologise for not being able to attend this year's AGM. Unfortunately Dot's health prevented either of us from coming on the day. We hope we

We have a pretty full MCS this edition. Thank you all for sending in your lists. Remember to get your covers for sale list in to us here by the 7th January for the February newsletter.

Help is also required for information regarding a very nice cover to have in ones collection on page 14. If you can help Nigel with information then please send your feedback us as usual.

Making your own covers AND acquiring autographs on them is featured by Bob French on pages 15 and 16.

If you make and service your own covers, regardless to how you do it, then please consider putting an article together for your newsletter.

We always require new material so please keep sending it in to us.

Next year starts off with a very nice, but extremely expensive issue, Alice in Wonderland. A number of formats accompany this massive stamp release. Personally, I am avoiding it, due to the cost, but I know many other dealers will produce excellent covers for it. However I am disappointed with 'Inventive Briton' issue. You will see what I mean when the publicity is released.

Well, that's it from us for another year. See you in February 2015. Until then, Happy collecting.

Phil Sheridan
Hon. Editor

AGM2014 Official Cover Auction

Fort Perch Rock, New Brighton, Wallasey

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

We have produced **60** numbered covers for this issue and the remaining six (6) covers are on offer to members at a minimum price of **£30** each by way of auction.

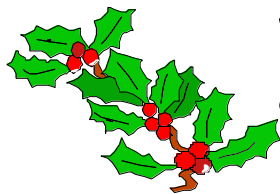
Please let me have your bids no later than December 15th.

Any unsold covers will appear in the Association auction.

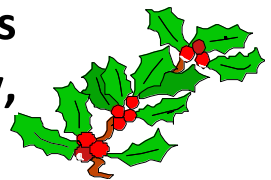
For those that have sent me bids already these bids will be honoured.

Bids can be emailed to me at terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk or in writing to 7 Mackets Lane, Hunts Cross, Liverpool, L25 0QA .

Terry Barnett



**We would like to wish all members
a very Merry Christmas & A Happy,
Healthy, and Peaceful New Year.
See you all next year!**



GBFDC Official Covers for 2015

We have decided to produce three Club Official covers again next year, plus the AGM cover for 2015. We have spread them out over the year to lessen the impact on Phil & Dot.

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

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

GBFDC Association Official Cover 2015 Application form For All Three Covers

Please send me **all Three** GBFDC official covers (Bridges – 5 March; 175th Anniversary of the Penny Black M/S – 6 May, & either Battle of Waterloo – 18 June, or Battle of Britain – 10 July.) [Issues are subject to change]) at **£42** – Total cost: £.....

Name.....Address.....

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Postcode.....Tel:.....

Email address (where applicable).....

CHEQUES WITH ALL ORDERS PLEASE

Make cheques payable to '**GBFDC**' and send to:

Terry Barnett, 7 Mackets Lane, Hunts Cross, Liverpool L25 0QA

Email: terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk

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

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.

GBFDC Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday the 26th October 2013 at the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7NF commencing at 1pm.

Richard Park welcomed the members and thanked them for attending.

Apologies were received from committee members – Phil Sheridan and Dot Radley. Also from David Millership and Ron Higgs.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday the 6th October 2013 were read and accepted on a proposal from Ken Brown and seconded by Sheila White.

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report.

The membership is currently fairly static. There has not been any advertising or publicity. Following the resignation of the publicity officer, the Chairman had taken on the role. Flyers have now been produced and dealers are encouraged to have them available at fairs or for customers. Dot Radley has produced the graphics. A Facebook page has also been developed. A full time publicity officer is being sought and the Chairman asked for any possible candidates to be notified to him.

Auction.

The current Club Auction catalogues have been sent out and lots were invited for the next auction.

Elections.

The current committee had been elected for a two year period at the 2013 AGM.

Official Cover Report.

Phil Sheridan and Dot Radley were not able to attend as Dot is not well. The meeting was advised that next year's programme will depend on their advices and will be announced in the newsletter. In answer to a question the meeting was advised that Post and Go issue was featured this year due to the shift in the programme to mid/late in the year. The cost will be kept to £14 per cover but may have to be reviewed depending on Royal Mail pricing. There were several contributions to the meeting expressing the view that there were too many issues from Royal Mail and that the cost was increasing. It was agreed that the Association could sadly not influence matters in this respect.

A vote of thanks was given to Phil Sheridan and Dot Radley for all their hardwork in producing the covers and newsletter and to Terry Barnett for the help that he gives and for distributing the covers.

Newsletter.

As always Phil Sheridan and Dot Radley require articles from members as well as members cover sale details.

Treasurer's Report.

David Cohen presented the year end accounts. There is currently a balance of £8377.69 and the Auction had produced a surplus of £881.20. The membership costs are rising but are helped by greater use of the internet – 115 members receive the newsletters by email. In answer to a question, the Treasurer advised that the figure for postage in the assets was high due to stocks being held.

Membership subscriptions would be kept at the same rate in the coming year.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Richard Howe and seconded by Terry Hurlstone.

AGM 2014. This will take place on the 18th October at 1pm. The fair will commence from 10am.

Any other business.

There was none.

The meeting closed at 1.35pm.

RARE COVERS

Below are two official covers for the Victoria Cross issue on the 21st September 2006. I managed to obtain FOUR blank covers from the Trent College in Long Eaton where my daughter was studying and she got them for me. Three of the covers were done with FULL SETS and one was done with a MINATURE SHEET.

I did sell two full sets about a year later which are the only ones I know of except for one other cover I have seen but the stamps are stuck on different to mine. On the Miniature Sheet cover this is not stuck down on the illustration.

HAS ANY PERSON AT ALL IN THE CLUB EVER SEEN ANY OF THESE COVERS AS I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW. THESE COVERS TO ME ARE EXTREMELY RARE

Colin Young



Let's Get Connected....by Nigel McGarry

I'm sure most cover collectors agree that you do get a great feeling connecting an issue to a particular handstamp/CDS/Slogan. I find it prevents the boredom of ploughing through the endless lists on EBay or large boxes at fairs.

Three recent examples came about after some quick research and of course you may be aware of the connection but it was new to me.

Take the British River Fish issue of 1983 (Fig.1). I came across the fun connection of Kingston upon Thames and you can guess that I'm now looking for Newcastle upon Tyne, Stoke on Trent and so on - any new river ideas gratefully received.

The Plymouth FDI Handstamp on the 1968 Anniversaries issue (Fig.2) is relevant to where HMS Endeavour set off with Captain Cook on his epic voyages.

Finally I recently came across the large format Philart cover for the 1970 Anniversaries set cancelled by a Doncaster FDI Handstamp (Fig.3).. The handstamp is relevant to the 1/6d Mayflower/Pilgrim Fathers stamp due to the proximity of Scrooby where William Brewster lived in the Manor House. He along with the other Pilgrims headed for New England on the Mayflower in 1620. There was a special Scrooby handstamp for this issue.



Fig.1

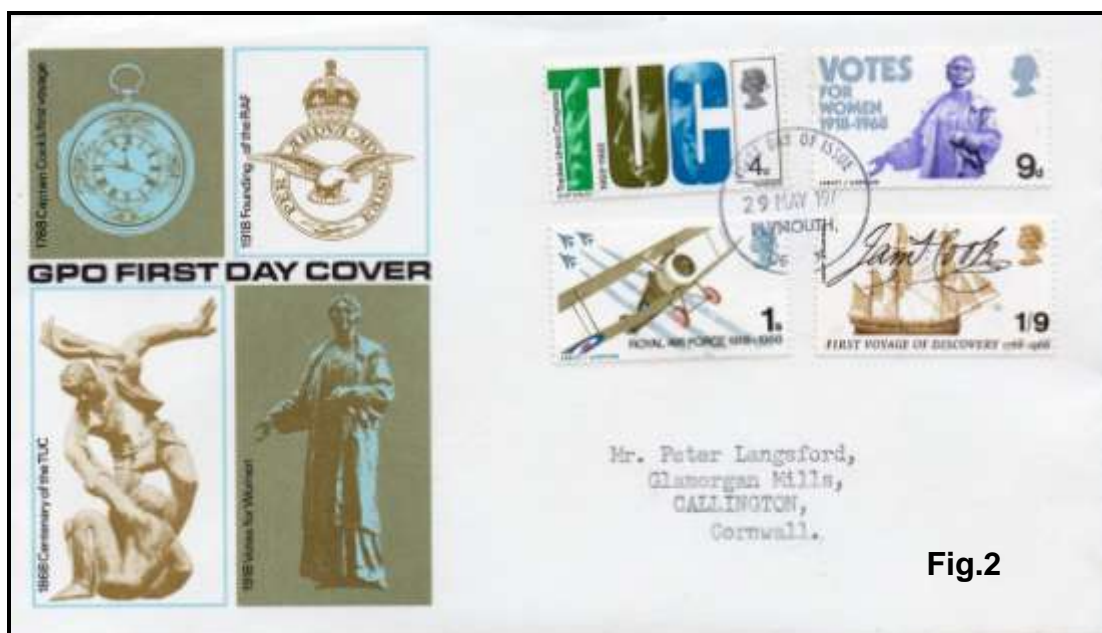


Fig.2

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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

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We have arranged for the 2015 AGM/Cover Fair to be held on Sunday 18th October 2015 at the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7NF (for Sat Navs).

Tel: 0121 360 1484

Doors open at 9am. A lunchtime buffet will be laid on with the AGM starting at around 1pm

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.

1965	Lister	FDI Edinburgh on Royal Infirmary cover. Cat £70	£25
1966	World Cup	FDI London WC on Jules Rimet Cup cover	£6
1970	Christmas	FDI London on Historic Relics cover (neat h/w)	£4
1972	Anniversaries	FDI London (wreath) on Historic Relics cover	£4
1977	C'wealth	FDI London SW on Historic Relics cover	£3
1978	Christmas	Bethlehem on Historic Relics cover	£6
1979	Year of Child	Bureau on Historic Relics cover	£6
1971	Gen Anniv	British Legion BF1182PS on PO cover – unaddressed	£145
1976	Telephone	FDI Edinburgh or Hull on PO cover	£8
1976	Reformers	FDI Folkestone or Norwich on PO cover	£8
1976	Roses	Bureau on Copecrest silk woven picture card	£10
1977	WildlifeArmy & Navy	on PO cover	£18
1977	WildlifeDarley's	150 Years of Print on PO cover	£18
1978	Energy	Bureau on PO Shell overprint cover – not seen often	£10
1978	Horses	Havering Park Riding School official Cat £40	£14
1978	Cycling	FDI Harrogate on Cyclists Touring Club cover	£15
1979	Dogs	FDI Battersea plus Dogs Home cachet	£12
1979	Flowers	FDI Kings Lynn plus Sandringham Estate cachet	£4
1979	Horse Racing	FDI Windsor – Dorset Ferry Windsor featured on 13p stamp	£5
1979	Horse Racing	Codesort Comes to Liverpool on PO cover	£9
1979	Elections	Leicester Twin City on Green & Co cover 142 of 250 issued	£8
1979	Year of Child	Cub Country Year on Dawn official	£8
1979	Rowland Hill	Bruce Castle Museum official	£15
1979	Christmas	Stamp & Coin Ex on Action in Distress Havering Cover No:4	£5
1980	Railways	FDI Bournemouth on Big Four Railway Museum cover. Cat £35	£12
1980	Conductors	FDI London special handstamp on British Library cover No:21	£6

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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 feel free to ask.

All postage FREE

1968	Bridges	on four matching covers with appropriate cancels Cat £40	£5
1979	Horseracing	RM cover unadd. Kings Lynn cancel + Royal Stud cachet	£3
1979	Elections	with a House of Commons cds on an unadd RM cover	£2
1979	Elections	with a House of Lords cds on an unadd RM cover	£2
1979	Police	on the Cotswold official	£1.50
1980	Q Mother	on the Cotswold official	£1.50
1980	Q Mother	on the Nat. Trust official	£1
1980	Landmarks	with a House of Lords cds on an unadd RM cover	£3
1981	Folklore	on the Brit. Library official Cat £75	£7
1982	Textiles	on the Petty official	£2
1982	Textiles	on the Pilgrim official	£2

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1982 Inf. Tech. on the BT official cover	£1
1982 Maritime on the Petty official Cat £45	£4
1982 Cars on the Petty official	£3
1983 Army on the Forces official with a BFPS1983 cancel	£1
1983 Engineering on the Des. Enc. Off. with a GLC Thames Barrier slogan	£3
1984 R. Mail on a RM cover with a Newmarket cds	£2
1984 R. Mail on a RM cover with a Ldn Chief Off. cds	£2
1984 R. Mail on a RM cover with an Islington cds	£2
1984 R. Mail on a RM cover with a Winterslow cds	£2
1984 Heraldry on the Harrison official	£2
1984 Heraldry on the DGT official with a Cheetham Hill cds	£1.50
1984 U. Renewal on the Petty official	£2
1984 Christmas on the Petty official with a Weybridge cancel	£2
1984 Christmas on a RM cover with a Weybridge cancel doubled with a cancelled Finland stamp. 1 of 67	£2
1985 R. Mail on the St Andrews official Cat £40	£4
1985 Insects on the Stamp Bug official with a Hi. Wycombe cancel Cat £50	£5
1985 Composers on the Benham BLCS3 official	£1
1985 Films on the Benham BLCS7 official with a P.Panther cancel Cat £60	£5
1985 A. Legends on the Benham BLCS6 official	£1
1985 P. Office on the Benham BLCS5 official	£1
1985 Christmas on the BLCS8 official	£1
1986 Halleys C. on the Benham BLCS10 official	£1
1986 Q. 60 th Birthday on the Benham SPG1 official	£2
1986 Industry on the Benham BLCS9 official	£1
1987 St. Johns A. on a RM cover with a St Johns cds	£1.50
1987 St. Johns A. on a RM cover with a Margate cds	£1.50
1987 St. Johns A. on a RM cover with a Benson RAF Station cds	£2
1987 V. Britain on a RM cover with a WINDSOR GREAT PARK cds	£3
1987 Heraldry on the Forces official with a BFPS BERLIN cancel	£2
1989 Christmas on a RM cover with Gloucester Cathedral slogan	£2
1989 Christmas on a RM cover with a BBC Children.slogan	£2
1989 Christmas on a RM cover with a Tonbridge Choose Charity slogan	£2
1990 Q Mother on the Benham BLCS56b (Windsor) official	£1
1993 1 st self adhesive booklet of 20 on a Benham D209a card	£3
1994 Boots label on the Bradbury official	£1
1995 1 st class label sheetlet on the Bradbury official	£1
1998 P. Charles Paintings sheetlet on the Benham BLCS149 official	£1
2002 Airliners M/S on the 4d post official with a Trident cancel	£2
2003 Wilding 2 m/s on the Benham BLCS252 official	£2
2004 RSA on the Milton Keynes official 1 of 100	£3

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Contact Details: nick_stuart@talk21.com 01932 229316 P & P £1

FDCs (All illustrated unless stated)

1975	Speedpost with 3x large 20p stamps; Bexhill on Sea cds	£5
1977	Silver Jubilee 9p on RM cover with Cardiff slogan "The Queen's Silver Jubilee Philatelic Exhibition City Hall Cardiff" Label has dropped off	£5
1988	Edward Lear (stamps) with NPM 'Railways and the Post Exhibition 1988' SHS	£5
1989	Greetings RM Reg FDC with 'Lover' cds	£5
1990	Astronomy RM cover with slogan 'Autumn Stampex/BPE'	£5
1996	Football RM cover with Evening Standard SHS	£1
1997	Sub Post Offices Benham BLCS131 Fed Sub Post Offices Chippenham SHS	£1
1997	Christmas on West Langdon Church Official cover (SCS No.1)	£5

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1997	Golden Wedding on Defence Postal & Courier Services cover with BFPS 2557 SHS	£5
2000	Postman Pat Label Signed by artist Patrick Loan. 'The Children's Favourite Postman' SHS	£5
2002	Wildings 1 st MS on Benham cover BLCS241 with 'Buckingham Palace Rd.,' SHS	£3
2002	Wildings 1 st MS on VCC cover with 'The Battles of El-Teb & Tamaai' SHS	£3
2002	Pillar to Post on Mercury cover with 'Post Box Lane, Abingdon' SHS	£3
2003	Wildings 2nd MS on Mercury cover 0222 with 'George Street, London' SHS	£3
2011	Classic Locomotives MS on RM cover with PRS SHS	£4
2011	Centenary of Aerial Post MS on PTS Official cover	£4

Booklet Panes and Tied Booklets

1968	2/- Booklet, both panes, on Philart FDC, Canterbury cds	£10
1968	10/- Booklet, all three panes, on Philart FDC, Canterbury cds	£30
1993	Beatrix Potter 4 panes set on Bradbury covers with mixed SHS	£12
1996	16 th Jan £1 & £2 Booklet panes on Cotswold display covers	£2
1999	1 st Retail Booklet Pane & 8x 1 st NVI stamps ex HBA1 on RM cover with Buckingham Palace cds	£20
1999	2 nd Retail Booklet Pane & 8x 1 st NVI stamps ex HBA2 on RM cover with Farmers, Dyfed cds	£5
1999	2 nd Retail Booklet Pane on Benham cover 167 with Detling SHS	£3
2000	3 rd Retail Booklet Pane on Benham cover BCLS184 with Leicester SHS	£1
2000	4 th Retail Booklet Pane on Benham cover BLCS191 with Liverpool SHS	£1
2001	Submarines Booklet cyl Q1 tied to RM cover with Clyde Submarine Base cds	£12
2001	Punch & Judy Tied Booklet with 'Nobel Road' SHS on Payne Cover (Official) cover	£20
2001	Punch & Judy Tied Booklet with 'Self Adhesives Convent Garden' SHS on RM cover	£6
2001	Flags & Ensigns Tied Booklet with 'Faslane, Helensborough' SHS on RM cover	£5
2001	Flags & Ensigns Tied Booklet with 'The Admiral's Flag Loft' SHS on Havering cover (Official)	£5
2001	Flags & Ensigns Tied Booklet with 'Maritime Britain MOD Whitehall' SHS on Benham cover BLCS216	£2
2002	Airliners Tied Booklet with 'Charles Lindebergh's Anniversary' SHS on Payne cover (Official)	£15
2002	Bridges part tied Booklet with Tower Hill SHS on Benham cover BLCS235	£3
2003	Hello Tied Booklet, cyl Q1, with Watford FDI on A G Bond display cover	£5
2003	Extreme Endeavours Booklet, Cyl D1, with Polemarch Seaham SHS on Stick with Stamps cover	£4
2003	Extreme Endeavours Tied Booklet with 'Summit Littleborough' cds on Stick with Stamps cover	£5
2003	Transports of Delight half tied Booklet with 'Self Adhesives Hornby, Lancaster' SHS on RM cover	£1
2004	Northern Ireland Tied Booklet with 'N Ireland NVI Stamp Book Bushmills' SHS on Cotswold cover	£1
2009	Beatles RM FDC with 2x Mini Skirt stamps from Booklet with SHS Sixties Fashion	£3
2013	London Underground with London Transport Museum SHS on Sheridan cover (Official)	£15

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

1982	Inf. Tech. on the BT official cover	£1
1982	Maritime on the Petty official Cat	£45
1982	Cars on the Petty official	£3
1983	Army on the Forces official with a BFPS1983 cancel	£1
1983	Engineering on the Des. Enc. Off. with a GLC Thames Barrier slogan	£3
1984	R. Mail on a RM cover with a Newmarket cds	£2
1984	R. Mail on a RM cover with a Ldn Chief Off. cds	£2
1984	R. Mail on a RM cover with an Islington cds	£2

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1984 R. Mail on a RM cover with a Winterslow cds	£2
1984 Heraldry on the Harrison official	£2
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1984 Christmas on the Petty official with a Weybridge cancel	£2
1984 Christmas on a RM cover with a Weybridge cancel doubled with a cancelled Finland stamp. 1 of 67	£2
1985 R. Mail on the St Andrews official Cat £40	£4
1985 Insects on the Stamp Bug official with a Hi. Wycombe cancel Cat £50	£5
1985 Composers on the Benham BLCS3 official	£1
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1985 Christmas on the BLCS8 official	£1
1986 Halleys C. on the Benham BLCS10 official	£1
1986 Q. 60 th Birthday on the Benham SPG1 official	£2
1986 Industry on the Benham BLCS9 official	£1
1987 St. Johns A. on a RM cover with a St Johns cds	£1.50
1987 St. Johns A. on a RM cover with a Margate cds	£1.50
1987 St. Johns A. on a RM cover with a Benson RAF Station cds	£2
1987 V. Britain on a RM cover with a WINDSOR GREAT PARK cds	£3
1987 Heraldry on the Forces official with a BFPS BERLIN cancel	£2
1989 Christmas on a RM cover with Gloucester Cathedral slogan	£2
1989 Christmas on a RM cover with a BBC Children.slogan	£2
1989 Christmas on a RM cover with a Tonbridge Choose Charity slogan	£2
1990 Q Mother on the Benham BLCS56b (Windsor) official	£1
1993 1 st self adhesive booklet of 20 on a Benham D209a card	£3
1994 Boots label on the Bradbury official	£1

Contact Details: Phil Sheridan, Tel: 0151 257 8874 E-mail: sheridanfdcs@aol.com

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

22/03/11 WWF Endangered Species (Single set) Sheridan Earthwatch Official (52 done)	£40
22/03/11 WWF Endangered Species (M/S) Sheridan Earthwatch Official (52 done)	£40
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Help Required Please

The 1953 Coronation Omnibus issue including FDCs has been a collecting passion for over 40 years now and I have recently acquired the cover shown which bears the British set. I have had and seen many covers sent to Mildred Hodson over the years but this is a new one to me. Sent to her Viewforth address and cancelled by Boroughmuir, Edinburgh CDS on the date of issue, the lovely design is very Scottish and reminded me of Edinburgh rock!

Can any member provide me with information on the cover which is in excellent condition.

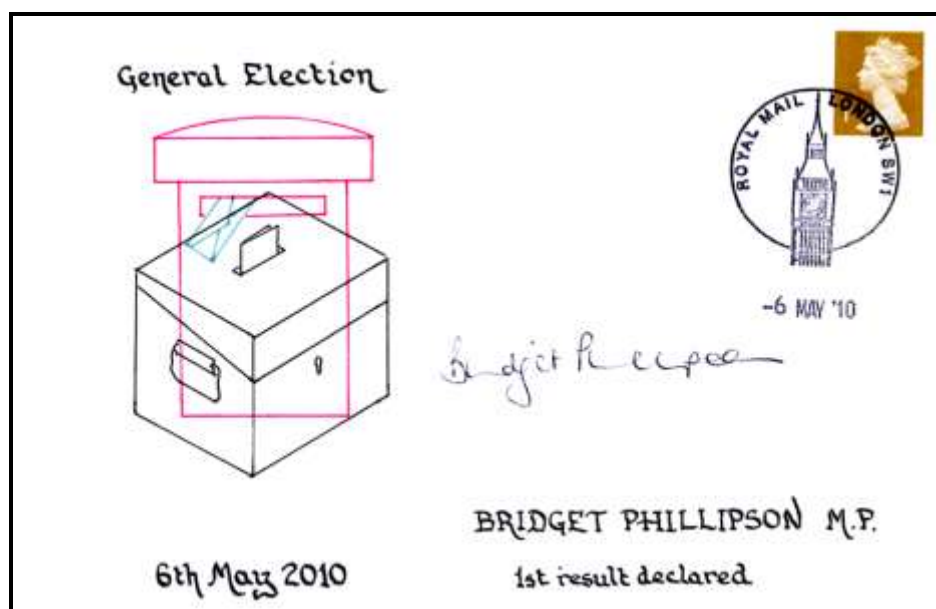
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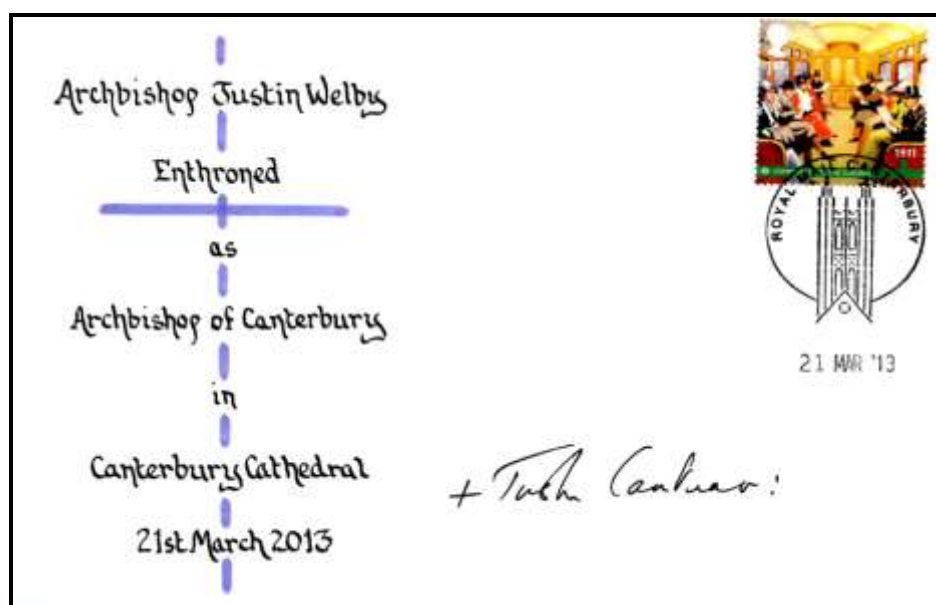
Autographed Covers.....by Bob French

For many years my stamp/cover collecting related to 'Social History', 'GB' and 'Concorde'. These covers are from my 'Social History' collection which is now my main interest since I gave up G.B. collecting many years ago when it became expensive to do so because of the increasing number of stamps being issued and all the 'extras' such as booklets, miniature sheets etc. which were produced. I gave up collecting Concorde at the end of 2011 because there was nothing new apart from covers celebrating anniversaries or stamps from places such as Mali, Liberia, Tchad etc. which I did not think would improve my collection.

For 'Social History', which is, in my view, anything of local or national interest, I produce three covers, one I keep (in case the others go astray) and two I send away, one for a signature and one for the signatory to keep as a souvenir of the occasion. I ask if the person signing will send me a business card, a letter head, photograph, or something to authenticate the signature and enhance the collection, and I must say most oblige. I have lost very few covers over the years even though some go through a third party. I also add to my collection newspaper cuttings of the event depicted on the cover.

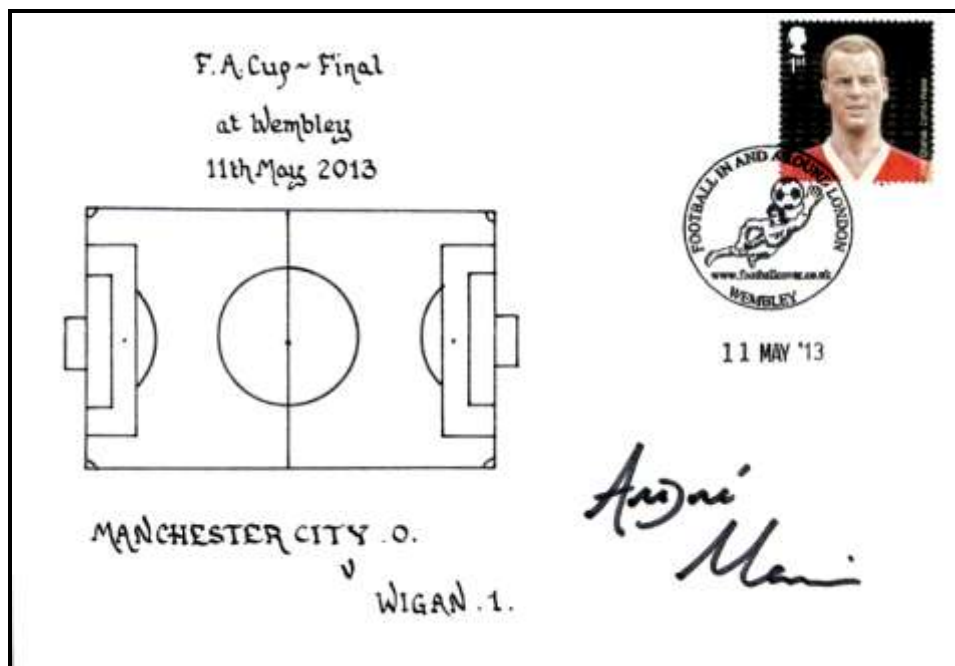


No.1. General Election cover signed by 'Bridget Phillipson' elected Member of Parliament for Sunderland, this was the first result declared in the 2010 election. The postmark is London SW1 an area which takes in the Houses of Parliament.

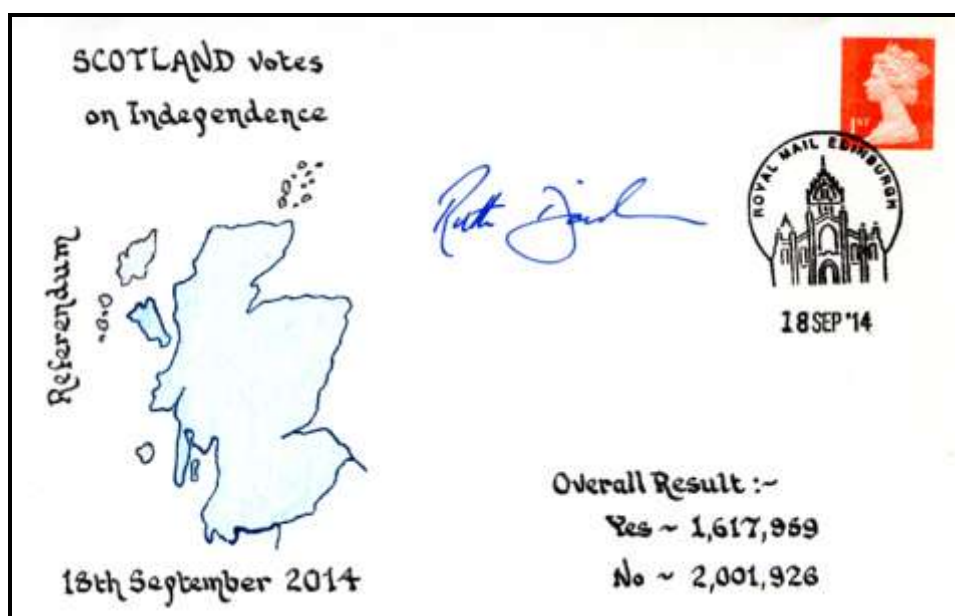


No.2. This cover is for the enthronement of the 'Archbishop of Canterbury' and is signed 'Justin Cantuar; - Justin Welby the new Archbishop of Canterbury. The postmark is Canterbury.

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No.3. F.A. Cup Final cover 2013 signed by 'Andre Marriner', the match referee. He sent me a 'red and yellow card both signed. The postmark is Wembley.



No.4. This cover is for the Scottish Independence vote, signed by 'Ruth Davidson', the Leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party in Scotland. The postmark is Edinburgh.

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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.



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

I was most interested to read Ken's* article on his (?) unique (?) example of the Lewis Carroll Runcorn First day cover with all six Christmas stamps (*First Day Coverage* October 2014). But his thought that covers were cut up and the stamps sold as used sets seems very unlikely to me – I imagine he means cutting the stamps as a block – with the cancellation intact. To me it seems a crazy thing to do – what is the use of the stamps without the cover that they belong to? No, I reckon there are another 39 full covers 'out there'!

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