

# FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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## From the Editor's Desk



**Welcome** to the August 2013 Edition of First Day Coverage. Well, how is everyone doing with the stamp issues so far? I personally feel the Football Heroes and The Queen's Portraits were a bit of a non-event, they passed many people by, as I

expected. Contrary to popular belief, Football stamps are not as sought after as one would think, and Royal Issues have saturated the philatelic market over the last few years.

**How** do collectors feel about the Andy Murray miniature sheet? Worthy of commemorating due to the historic aspect or just another excuse to issue another mini-sheet with high value stamps included? I think, on this occasion, a 1<sup>st</sup> class one stamp issue would have sufficed, but I don't want to appear a kill-joy! Write in with your views.

**The** Butterflies stamps are beautiful and make lovely covers, so I think Mail are to be commended on that issue. I also think Royal

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## Pub Meetings

### LONDON

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

*Please contact Richard Park for meeting dates during 2013*

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## Important Notice

### DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER 2013 EDITION

Items for publication MUST be with the editor by  
**7th September 2013**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in material for publication. If you haven't seen your article in this newsletter, please be assured that we will use it in a future edition. We require more articles and features so that we have them in have for forthcoming newsletters

### From the Editor's Desk *continued.....*

Mail has done a great job of the forthcoming British Auto Legends and Merchant Navy issues. These stamps are always well received and are thematic favourites.

We have great pleasure in showing you the fourth and final (with the exception of the AGM cover) GBFDC official cover for British Auto Legends on 13 August 2013. We are delighted to feature Chester Vintage Enthusiasts' Car Club, and we hope you like the cover.

The 2013 AGM is just around the corner and it will be great to see as many members as possible there. It will be held at the usual place, Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

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

We have pleasure in publishing the first in a series of articles by David Holl on pages 15 & 16.

Ian Billings has two articles relating to the Football Heroes stamp issue on pages 5 and 8. These are interesting items so they are well worth a read.

Jeffrey Booth's new catalogue is now available, 31<sup>st</sup> Edition of Collect GB First Day Covers, and is advertised on page 17.

GBFDC has donated a half page to a charity cover being sold by Henry Pugh for Hope House Care for Terminally Ill Children. He has created, with the help of a famous name linked with Princess Diana, four desirable signed Diana Memorial stamp covers. For further details please see page 13.

We would like to ask for your co-operation when submitting covers for the MCS pages please. Whilst we understand not all members own a computer or have access to email, and we are happy to manually transfer handwritten lists for such members, - for member who do have a computer and email we ask you to send in your MCS lists via email please. It is much less laborious to copy and paste a list of covers for sale than to type them from a paper list as we do now. We have to mention that if we know you have a computer and email and you submit your list handwritten then we cannot guarantee it will be published.

That's all for now folks. Enjoy the rest of the summer and take care in the very high temperatures that we are having at the moment. 32c is not normal for Britain and we are not used to it.

Until next time, happy collecting.

*Phil Sheridan.*

Hon. Editor.

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

## GBFDC No.49 OFFICIAL COVER – British Auto Legends – 13 August 2013

This is the fourth and final GBFDC official cover for 2013 (except for the AGM2013 cover) and it will be a Limited Edition of 79. If you would like to collect forthcoming covers for this year then please contact Terry Barnett.

**British Auto Legends - Chester Vintage Enthusiasts' Car Club official GBFDC cover shown below for member information**



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**Fairs:**

**Autumn Stampex Gallery Bay 23A Design Centre, Islington – Sept' 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2013**  
**GBFDC AGM Fair Collingwood Centre, Birmingham Sunday 6th October 2013**



## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We have arranged for the 2013 AGM/Cover Fair to be held on Sunday 6th October 2013 at the Collingwood Centre, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7NF (for Sat Navs).  
Tel: 0121 360 1484

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

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

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

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

### 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.



## PROBLEMS WITH FOOTBALL PSB PANES

The Football Heroes Prestige Stamp Book contains four panes of stamps. Two are self-adhesive and have 5 or 6 self-adhesive Footballer stamps. Two contain definitives. Pane 1 complimented the footballers, using the three gummed flag stamps, the England, Scotland and Wales stamps previously only seen in Celebrating miniature sheets or Smilers Sheets, and the 1st class Northern Ireland country definitive. Also in the pane were 2 each of the 1st class and 1p Machin definitives. The total face value of the pane is £3.62.

The fourth pane was very much a make-up, included because there are always at least four panes in a book. But to keep the cost down, this contains 3 each of the 2p, 5p & 10p stamps. The total value is therefore 34p. It didn't seem to occur to anybody involved in the design that some collectors and dealers put PSB panes on first day covers, and that a 34p pane might cause a problem!

Normal Special Handstamping rules include:

- a. only stamps issued on the day can have the official FDI postmarks
- b. sponsored handstamps can be applied to any valid stamps
- c. two different handstamps cannot be applied **to a cover on the same date**.

Tallents House decided that FDCs with pane 4 needed an extra 16p to bring them up to 60p, i.e. the 2nd class postage rate. One could add any of the new stamps. But older stamps could be used instead, like an earlier football stamp, or a 16p Machin definitive. Now look again at the handstamping rules and see how that might cause problems. The easy way would be to use a sponsored handstamp - qualifies under rule (b).

But how would they cope if a collector wanted the Tallents House or Wembley FDI handstamps? Rule (c) precludes the use of an operational handstamp on the older stamp, while rule (a) would seem to preclude the use of the FDI handstamp on a 16p Machin. Well, as you can see from the picture, Tallents House decided that breaking rule (a) would be easier than finding an operational handstamp.

All of this could have been avoided by better design. Pane 1 could have had 4 x 1p stamps interspersed with the country definitives. Pane 4 could have had at least one 1st class red **stamp, and some other values**, that way both panes would have qualified for handstamping without breaking any rules.



In the end covers breaking rule (a) were processed and the Tallents House handstamp was applied to stamps not issued on 9 May. See 'testing' cover below. And with better design the problem could have easily been avoided!

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## NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

Many members are delighted with the PDF emailed version of the Newsletter. Not only does receiving it this way cut down on having to find storage for paper newsletters around the home, as all PDF Newsletters can be stored in a file of its own on your computer desktop, but it means you can read the newsletter at A4 size and in colour. You can print out all the pages at any time and at any size, or just one page if you so wish.

We do understand that for a variety of reasons many members do not want to receive their copies via email and would prefer to continue with a hard copy. This is not a problem and we would be happy to continue to send them out via the post.

From the point of view of our European and Overseas members emailing your newsletter would mean that you could be on a par with everyone else when it comes to the opportunities of purchasing items advertised in the newsletter, for instance in the Members Cover Sale.

Emailing the newsletter also saves your association money in paying for the newsletter printing and in postage costs. At the time of writing we are emailing the newsletter to 100 members and are keen to increase this number.

Would you be willing to receive your A4 colour newsletter via email instead of a black and white A5 hard copy in the mail ? Yes, then please contact Terry Barnett with your email address.

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

This year, seeing as I was 65 on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, I thought I would go to Stampex for the first time. I had quite an enjoyable day, except that I was unable to get any Stampex envelopes. I made my way to the organiser's office to find out why and was told that it costs too much to print them. Surely such a prestigious event as Stampex, held Spring and Autumn, would cater for every aspect of stamp collecting. When I said that collectors would more than likely buy them they still maintained that it would cost them too much. Isn't it sad that they have got no money!



### **£20 Star Letter**

Finally, the only person I knew at Stampex was Mike Porter until leaving the show and heading for home I came to the first Zebra crossing and a voice said "hello Henry". It was Richard Park. I told him it was my birthday and I was having a day out and he replied that it was his birthday too. What a coincidence and the end to a nice day.

**Henry Pugh.**

*Dear Editor.....*

### **INFORMATION NEEDED**

I went to Stafford Stamp Fair on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and I bought 4 OFFICIAL covers from Sam Downes which cost me quite a sum of money. When I got home I discovered that the covers were not in my satchel which was zipped up at all times. So there is a distinct possibility that the covers were taken from my satchel as I was looking at covers on other stalls. I have made some enquiries about these 4 covers which were altogether in a plastic sleeve but nothing has come of it. So I am hoping that the covers might surface somewhere possibly with the help of GBFDC members.

### **THE OFFICIAL COVERS INCLUDE:-**

A) 2012 Olympics (Flag with 2012 in the

postmark) on a souvenir cover which was done with a single stamp only but the one I bought was a FULL SET OF WHICH THREE ONLY WERE DONE.

- B) 2009 Royal Navy Uniforms GBFDC Official AGM with a full set.
- C) 1992 1992 European Market 1853 Gallery Official card with single stamp.
- D) Christmas Bromsgrove Post Office Official cover with a full set and tied with a red ribbon.

**Colin Young**

*Dear Editor.....*

I have a request via our website from a 16 year old boy in India who is looking to swap modern Indian FDC's for Modern GB FDC's. He is:

Shubhrajyoti Behera

Age- 16 years

Collecting on - Space, flora and fauna, FDC on GB and Taiwan, covers.

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**Richard Park**



### **£20 Star Letter**

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

## Different Size Handstamps for Football Heroes Issue

A member requested information from Ian Billings relating to the FDC postmark Football Heroes, Wembley. Please look carefully at the scans below. You will notice that there is a big difference between the two postmarks. The one on the FDC Prestige Booklet is very slim. The other on the FDC with the set of stamps is broad. I think this is the normal version.

Both FDC's were ordered through Royal Mail Philatelic Service in Edinburgh. Can you explain this to me? Or do you have contact to Philatelic Service? Or could you mediate a contact?



Ian received the following explanation from Tallents House:

*I can confirm that the reason for the different shape is that the design for the stamps were changed so that the cancellation did not obscure as much of the players as it would have should the standard cancellation be used.*



**All** the PSB covers from Tallents House have the same cancellation; **all** the stamps sets from Tallents House have the other cancellation. The customer would only receive a standard cancellation of the stamps if the covers had gone through a Special Handstamp Centre as they do not have inkjet technology and would therefore be unable to adjust the cancellation accordingly.

*This was agreed with our product managers and design team. Hope this explains why they are different.*



## 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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1968	Anniv.	Capt Cook Cent. Slogan (signed designer) single stamp	£6
1967	Anniv.	St. Mary's Hospital (Postmark dated 1957)	£12
1969	Anniv.	Hoverlloyd, Pegswell Bay Official (single stamp)	£8
1969	Cathedrals	St. George's Chapel, Winsor Official (single stamp)	£6
1970	Anniv.	Crimean War Official (single stamp)	£6
1971	Gen. Anniv.	British Legion Official (single stamp)	£5
1971	Gen. Anniv.	R.F.U Official (single stamp)	£10
1972	Churches	Huish Episcop Official (single stamp)	£5
1972	Anniv.	5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Hovercraft Trials Official (single stamp)	£12
1974	Britons	Royal Tournament Official (single stamp)	£5
1974	Fire	Lancing Bagnall Official (single stamp)	£10
1975	Jane Austen	Jane Austen Slogan (single stamp)	£5
1975	Railway	150 <sup>th</sup> Railway Anniv. Slogan (single stamp)	£4
1978	Coronation	RAF Wegburg Hospital Official (single stamp)	£4
1978	Horses	Royal Irish Rangers Official (single stamp)	£9
1979	Elections	1973 & 1979 sets on one cover	£10
1981	Disabled	British Legion Official (single stamp)	£5
1981	Nat. Trust	Crane School Official (single stamp)	£9
1985	Christmas	900 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Gloucester Official (single stamp)	£4
1990	1d Black Anniv.(set)	NPM Maltese Cross, London on original on 1890	
		Penny Post Jubilee card	£25
1995	Communications	Need a Postcode Slogan (printed inverted)	£7
1994	Summertime	Tropical Places Slogan (1999 date on 3 stamps)	£10
1994	Medical	The Lancet WC1 on Crookes Healthcare cover	£8
1994	D-Day	Pegasus Bridge Official (single stamp)	£5
1994	D-Day	Juno Beach Official (single stamp)	£5
2001	Hats	Debden, Cambridge (very late announcement of postmark)	£6
2001	Submarines	BF2628PS (very late announcement of postmark)	£8

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1953	QEII Coronation Cover bearing 2013 Six Decades of Royal Portraits Stamps tied with 1953-2013 QEII Coronation, Westminster, London SW1, 2nd June 2013 (Ltd Ed. of 11 Covers)	£30
2010	Westfield & Aspen School Christmas FDC (Ltd.Ed. of 300)	£20
2011	PTS Official Centenary of Aerial Post FDC (Ltd. Ed. of 80)	£12
2011	NPS Official Ideal Home Show Christmas FDC bearing M/S (Ltd.Ed. of 150)	£20
2012	RM FDC Post & Go Farm Animals II (Pigs), Swine, Hull SHS	£8
2012	RM FDC Post & Go Farm Animals II (Pigs), Tamworth SHS	£8

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2012	RM FDC Post & Go Farm Animals II (Pigs), Berkeley Vale SHS	£8
2012	RM FDC Post & Go Farm Animals II (Pigs), Farmers Walk, Birmingham SHS	£8
2013	RM Diamond Jubilee FDE, Six Decades of Royal Portraits stamps, Coronation of QE II, London SW1, 2 June 2013	£10
2013	RM FDC, Six Decades of Royal Portraits stamps, Coronation of QE II, London SW1, 30 May 2013	£10
2013	RM FDC, Butterflies Booklet, London SW7 SHS	£8
2013	RM FDC, Butterflies Booklet, Wareham, Dorset SHS	£8
2013	RM FDC, Butterflies Booklet, Crossgar, Downpatrick SHS	£8

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**Covers For Sale. Please contact Terry Barnett 0151 486 2610 or email [terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk)**

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1974	Churchill on the Woodford official with an Action This Day cancel. Small label add.	£10
1979	YOC on the L Carroll Soc. official with a Daresbury cancel. Printed add	£6
1985	Trains on Benham BLCS1 with a Paddington cancel	£6
1985	Insects on Benham BLCS2 with a Ryl. Ent. Soc. London cancel	£3
1988	Aust. Bicent on the Wedgewood official with a Barlaston cancel	£8
1989	RSPB on the RFDC69 official with a BFPS2193 cancel	£2
1990	RSPCA on Benham BLCS49 with a Shoreham cancel	£8
1990	Q Mother on the Covercraft official with a Clarence House cancel	£6
1994	Christmas on Benham BLCS100 with a Nasareth cancel	£2
1996	Burns on Benham BLCS112 with a Writers Mus. Cancel	£2
1997	Post Offices on Benham BLCS131 with a Chippenham cancel	£2
1997	Enid Blyton on Benham BLCS132 with a London W1 cancel	£2
1997	G. Wedding on the RM official with a Happy Christmas cancel	£2
1997	G. Wedding on Benham BLCS134 with a Westminster cancel	£2
1998	Endangered Species on the Bradbury official with a Guildford cancel 1 of 100	£4
1998	P. Diana on Benham BLCS138 with a Ken. Pal. Gdns. Cancel	£4
1998	Queens Beasts on Benham BLCS139 with a Oxford cancel	£2
1998	Magical Worlds on Benham BLCS144 with a Belfast cancel	£2
1998	Carnival on Benham BLCS145 with a Notting Hill cancel	£2
1998	Christmas on Benham BLCS148 with a Bethlehem cancel	£2
1999	Workers Tales on the Kacher official with a Liverpool St. cancel	£8
2001	Unseen/Unheard p/b pane on Benham blcs215 with a Whitehall cancel	£3
2003	Coastlines on Benham BLCS223b with a Padstow cance	£3
2005	Small Smilers on the Buckingham official with a Bearwood cancel 1 of 50	£4

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**Contact Details: Ian Billings 08450 090939, scans available email [ian@norphil.co.uk](mailto:ian@norphil.co.uk)**  
**Postage extra, PayPal accepted**

1967	Discoveries Connoisseur cover Fleming St Mary's Hospital h/s typed address	£5
1967	Discoveries RAF Bruggen official 565/1000 BFPS 1000 slt foxing unaddr	£10
1968	Christmas Selfridges Toy Fair on Philart, typed address label	£6
1969	Cathedrals Alcester cds, Church restoration official cat £175 unaddr	£50
1971	Ulster Philatelic Congress Official, h/addr by Phil Soc as most were	£15
1977	Jubilee on RM fdc neat hand addressed with House of Commons -1- cds	£4
1978	Building MS on RM fdc typed address with House of Commons -1- cds	£4
1979	Horse racing Newbury Show official	£10
1985	Arthurian Legend Hampshre County Council Winchester official, typed addr	£6
1993	Roman Britain RM fdc Bowness cds reg'd w/extra stamps on rev; r/s addr	£5
1999	Royal Wedding RM fdc cds Royal Parade Chiselhurst Kent (SD) with extra sets: wedding stamps for Charles & Diana ('81), Andrew & Sarah ('86), Anne & Mark ('73), 3d '72 Silver Wedding, 26p '97 Golden Wedding	£5

**Covers for Sale Please contact Rob Swettenham 0161 973 4657 or email [r.swettenham@sky.com](mailto:r.swettenham@sky.com)**

18/09/03	Transports of Delight STAMPS Phil Sheridan Pollocks Official	£35
18/09/03	Transports of Delight M/S Phil Sheridan Pollocks Official	£35
18/09/03	Transports of Delight Retail Booklet Pollocks Sheridan Official	£20
07/10/03	British Museum David Macintyre Official	£35
07/06/05	Trooping the Colour Rotary Official	£10
19/07/05	Motorcycles Triumph Meter Mark on Phil Sheridan Official	£22
14/05/96	Football G Blanchflower Official	£20
21/01/97	Great Tudor Forces BFPO 2545 Official	£7
01/02/00	Fire & Light Phil Sheridan Official	£15
17/07/08	Air Displays Sheridan Official numbered 58/66 on reverse	£15
24/03/98	Lighthouses S Kacher Official	£20
01/03/07	World of Invention Astley cover with Benham SHS Numbered 14/15 on the reverse	£25
13/11/97	Queen's Golden Wedding Uckfield Official	£10
23/06/98	NHS NatWest Philatelic Society Official	£10
29/04/08	Extreme Endeavours S/A Booklet Sheridan Official Numbered 27/29 on the reverse	£20
03/09/96	Childrens TV Look North Slogan	£10
21/09/06	Victoria Cross Stamps Phil Sheridan Official No. 45/63	£18
10/06/97	Architects Of the Air British Aerospace Official	£6
13/01/04	Classic Locomotives Miniature Sheet GBFDC Official 15/60	£20
08/07/97	All the Queens Horses Royal Horseguards Meter Mark + Horseguards Avenue SHS on Post Office cover	£10

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**All covers are Phil Stamp Covers**

05/02/08	Working Dogs Cancel Barking (Colour cover) Cover GAZ	£6
28/02/08	Kings. Cancel St. Albans (Black & White) No.137	£6
28/02/08	Kings. M/S Cancel Tewksbury (Colour) cover AQH	£6
11/03/08	Northern Ireland. Cancel Cushendun (colour) No.138	£6
13/03/08	Rescue at Sea. Cancel: Seaham (Black & white) No.139	£6
13/03/08	Rescue at Sea. Cancel: Wincham (Colour)) Cover GA3	£6
15/04/08	Insects. Cancel: Bugbrook No.140	£6
13/05/08	Cathedrals. Cancel Salisbury (Coloured) Cover GA5	£6
10/06/08	Classic Films. Cancel: Sidmouth. (Coloured) Cover GA6	£5
17/07/08	Air Displays. Cancel: Farnborough. (Coloured) Cover GA7	£6
18/09/08	RAF Uniforms. Cancel: Biggin Hill (Coloured) Cover GA9	£6
29/09/08	Country Definitives. Cancel: Windsor. (B&W) No.142	£6
14/10/08	Women of Distinction. Cancel: Ladywell (Coloured) Cover GA10	£6
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## Charity Cover

Last year at our AGM I acquired five Havering Diana Covers off Terry with the intention of having them signed by Trevor Rees Jones. As I was a taxi driver I had picked Trevor from Manchester Airport a couple of years ago and so I knew where he lived.

On 30th April this year I called at his home, explaining to him that I intended selling the covers and giving all the money raised from the sale to the local charity that I support, being Hope House, Nant Lane, Morda, Nr. Oswestry SY10 9BX, and he very kindly signed the five covers.

Hope House care for terminally ill children and they do a fantastic job. As a Diana collector, to me, Trevor Rees Jones is the best signature for this tragic issue of stamps, as the driver of the car and Princess Diana were killed. Trevor survived as he was the only one wearing a seat belt so therefore this signature is too good to miss.



The covers will be numbered on the back, 1 of 4, as the 5th one has been severely damaged, so I have destroyed it. I am asking **£100** per cover. The first people to contact me will have the covers. I am paying £100 for one for myself, so that leaves 3 and I am hoping to raise £400 altogether for Hope House.

**Please contact me, Henry Pugh, on 01691 679313**

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## SIGNED COVERS

The following two covers were very kindly sent in by Joe Green. Joe posted them off to the famous people concerned and was rewarded with two very fine signed items.



Jackie Chan signed the above cover and Joe asks if anyone can tell him what Jackie has written in Chinese against his signature? Please write in if you know.



The signature above is very well-known, Briggite Bardot, but not so well-known on a cover bearing The Royal Veterinary College, Royal College Street, meter mark. The stamps are cancelled with Royal College Street CDS.



## DISCOVERING FIRST DAY COVERS (PART ONE) by David Holl.

Today stamp dealers are the prime source of joining stamps and envelopes on the day of issue. In the past individuals, societies, and pure chance as well as the stamp dealers, have led to classic and rare covers. In this and subsequent articles I will look at the development of first day covers.

Changes in postal rates have led to well known covers such as the 1/2d issue on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1870. This led to the British Asylum for Deaf & Dumb Females sending out voting forms on that day creating a classic first day cover (fig.1)

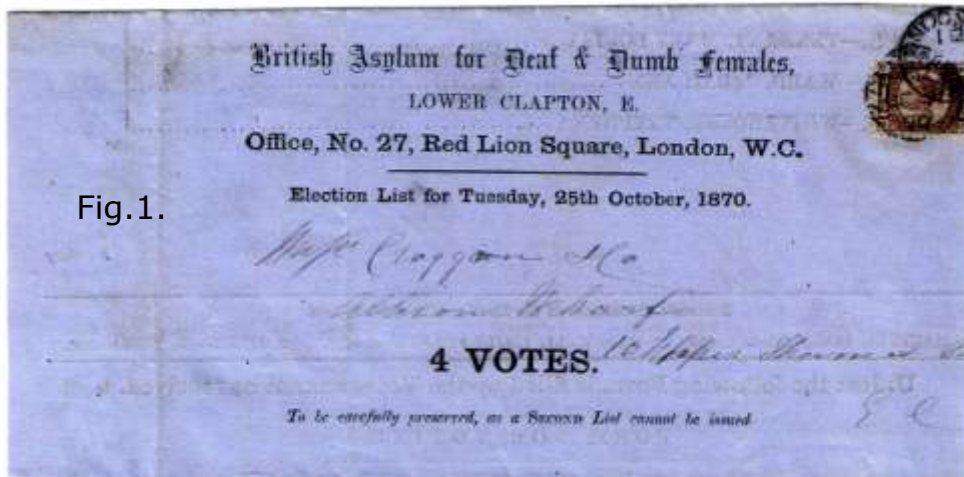


Fig.1.

On the same day the 1/2d postcard in large and small formats were also issued. This was the first prepaid postcard issued in Great Britain and was popular as such (fig.2).



Fig.2.

Fig.2.



Fig.3.

Fig.3.

The Victorians used to draw elaborate pictures on envelopes in order to enhance the stamps being used or the address but I have never seen an envelope illustrated with a stamp on the day of issue. The earliest illustrated envelopes which I have seen are for the definitives issued on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1902. The envelope below (fig.3) has the 1/2d and 1d stamps with a picture of a young soldier and the caption "Ye Stamps of our Sovereign Lord Kynge Edward VII".

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The earliest first day cover from a dealer which I have is for the definitives of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1911 issued on Coronation Day prepared by W.T. Wilson (fig.4), although there could be envelopes prepared by Oswald Marsh. The envelope is fairly basic with no illustration and a standard circular date stamp for Birmingham.

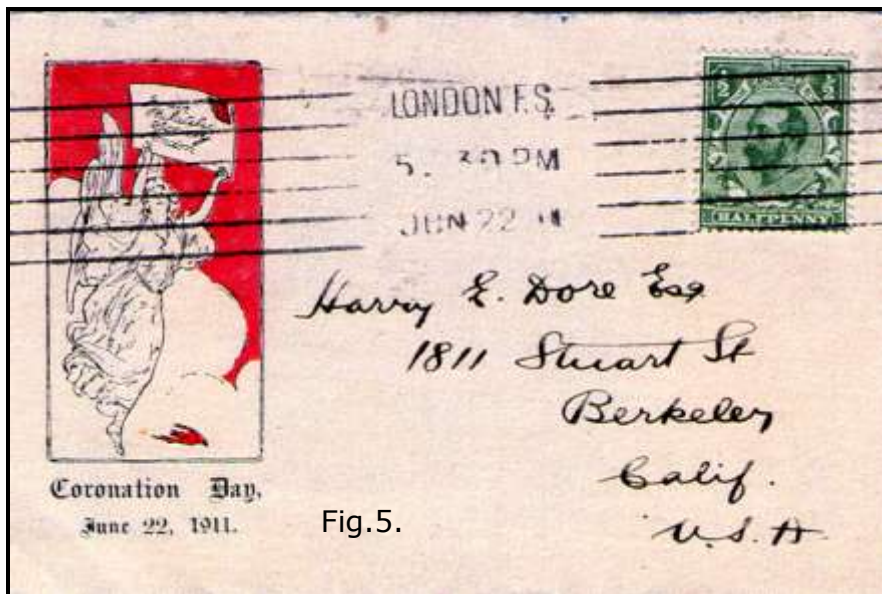


Fig.5.

This contrasts with the illustrated envelope issued by The Junior Philatelic Society to promote membership. The envelope carried the 1/2d stamp with the London F.S cancellation (fig.5).



Fig.6.

The rarest cancellation for the Coronation Day is the Westminster Abbey postmark (fig.6). It is believed that the facility was set up for the press and was available for only three hours. Such envelopes are a tribute to the foresight and enterprise of devoted collectors.



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