

FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the much delayed August edition of First Day Coverage. We are very sorry that the Newsletter is late this time but it was due to the extended embargo date set by Royal Mail for the Prime Ministers stamps, which we show on our 20th Anniversary cover for the 14th October 2014

(page 7). We hope you have not been too inconvenienced by this delay. It was beyond our control and we would rather have delayed than show no image, or image without stamps, of the special cover for the Club's anniversary.

We are very excited about our anniversary cover and, if you have given your name in to Phil and Dot, then you can be sure of your cover.

NOW is the time to send your money to Terry Barnett (all details are on page 7), together with the application form at the bottom of the page.

The Centenary of the start of WWI is still very much in the news and we show various covers and slogans connected with this historic occasion. Our Club cover featuring the Not Forgotten Association (NFA) was shown in the June edition of First Day Coverage. Dispatch of this cover is delayed and an announcement is on the bottom of page 16.

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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 OCTOBER 2014 EDITION

Items for publication **MUST** be with the editor by
15th September 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.....*

Due to the delay in the dispatch of the newsletter, we have extended the deadline date for articles, features and MCS lists for October to the 15th September instead of the 7th.

Our AGM2014 cover for Seaside Architecture stamp issue is shown on page 3, and we have pleasure in bringing you a lovely cover featuring a listed building that is hidden from the rest of the UK but is well-known here on Merseyside and the Wirral Peninsular, Fort Perch Rock. Fort Perch Rock has been in New Brighton since 1826 New Brighton, Wallasey, was a thriving holiday resort until the middle to late 60s when it went out of favour and in decline. Dot remembers many a childhood day at 'thrilling' New Brighton with her brother and father. They used to board the Royal Iris or Royal Daffodil Ferry across the Mersey to New Brighton pier. The journey took around a half hour.

There was a Blackpool-type tower in the early 1900s. Also a Cable Car went to the top of the main building. The tower was removed in 1921 but the actual Tower building, Cable Car and Ballroom was destroyed by fire in 1969. After that the fairground gradually declined which was the start of the demise of the town as a thriving holiday resort. However, today, New Brighton still retains its wonderful promenade and beach and it is still a lovely place to visit. A potted history of Fort Perch Rock and New Brighton is on page 3 and 4. New Brighton has its own Facebook page "New Brighton – A Victorian Seaside Resort" and you

have access to many old New Brighton pictures. Fort Perch Rock is now a Listed Building and, as you can see, is a very fitting subject to be featured on our Seaside Architecture First Day Cover.

We can now showcase our 20th Anniversary First Day Cover for October using the set of Prime Ministers stamps out on the 14th. It is on page 7 and we hope you like it. It is fitting for us to commemorate 20 Years of GBFDC as it is a great achievement to reach this important milestone.

As you will see, there is an application form for those of you who have already reserved your cover with Phil and Dot. Please get your cheques/payments off to Terry Barnett in good time before **the 23rd September deadline. After that we cannot accept any further orders, even if you have reserved in advance.**

Our AGM is coming up very soon and the Fort Perch Rock AGM2014 cover will be available for £15 to everyone who attends on the day. So, 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.

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

Phil Sheridan
Hon. Editor

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

GBFDC AGM2014 OFFICIAL COVER – Seaside Architecture - 14 September 2014

Fort Perch Rock, New Brighton, Wallasey

This cover costs £15 and is only available to those members who attend the 2014 AGM in October. There will be an opportunity for members who cannot attend for various reasons to have the chance of purchasing this cover via auction. Covers remaining after the day will be auctioned in the December edition of First Day Coverage.

Cover shown here for member information



NEW BRIGHTON, WALLASEY

New Brighton is a British seaside resort forming part of the town of Wallasey, in the Borough of Wirral, in the metropolitan county of Merseyside. It is located at the north eastern tip of the Wirral Peninsula and has sandy beaches which line the Irish Sea. It was a thriving resort during the latter part of the 19th century to mid 1960's, with the promenade stretching from New Brighton to Seacombe. It had one of the best beaches in England. The Royal Daffodil and Royal Iris were the main ferries that went to and fro from Liverpool to New Brighton every half hour, stopping at Seacombe en route. New Brighton lost popularity in the late 60's– early 70's, and ferries were stopped in 1971. However today it is still a beautiful resort, although with no fair to speak of and less seaside shops etc. The promenade is just as lovely and sand still abundant. It can be reached by Liverpool tunnels or via Ellesmere Port route on the M56 and M53 motorways.

Up to the 19th century, the area had a reputation for smuggling and wrecking, and secret underground cellars and tunnels are still rumoured to exist. It also had a strategic position at the entrance to the Mersey Estuary. The Perch Rock battery was completed in 1829. It mounted 18 guns, mostly 32 pounders, with 3 6-inch guns installed in 1899. Originally cut off at high tide, coastal reclamation has since made it fully accessible.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF FORT PERCH ROCK

In 1803 Liverpool merchants concerned about a possible invasion by the French during the Napoleonic wars put forward the idea of a fort at New Brighton. Naturally there were disputes about how it was to be financed and consequently construction didn't get under way until 1826.

It was completed three years later. It was built out of red sandstone blocks on a base of sandstone rocks, confusingly known as the Black Rocks.

Designed by a Captain John Sikes Kitson of the Royal Engineers, it had room for 100 men plus officers with adequate provisions and armaments. It had 18 guns, sixteen of which were 32-pounders and they faced the Rock Channel that was the main entrance for shipping to the Mersey at that time. The ships passed 900 yards from the guns and the fort soon became known as the "Little Gibraltar of the Mersey".

The cost of the construction was £27,000 but not everyone was happy with the arrival of the new fort. Prior to its construction the area around the fort was described as a sandy waste and used by wreckers to lure ships aground.

The guns at Fort Perch Rock were fired only twice in anger. The first occasion occurred during the First World War. A Norwegian sailing ship came up the Rock Channel that had been declared closed at the start of the war. Unfortunately the gunners had the wrong elevation on their gun and the shell flew over the ship and landed in Hightown on the other side of the Mersey. Apparently an irate householder collected the shell, put it in a bucket and took it to the Merseyside Defence HQ and demanded some kind of explanation! The captain of the Norwegian vessel when eventually challenged about his ship's use of the closed channel replied that he did not know that a war had started!

The finder of the shell presented it to the resident Battery Commander and it was exhibited in the bar as "a present from New Brighton".

The fort was decommissioned by the War Office 1956 and passed through various hands until it was sold to the Darroch family who are the current custodians.

Fort Perch Rock is home to a number of permanent maritime and aviation based museum displays and frequent guest exhibitions and cultural events.

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PUBLICITY OFFICER REQUIRED

Dear Members,

We are looking for someone to help promote the club & its 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 expenses 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 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 & Phil Sheridan.

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.

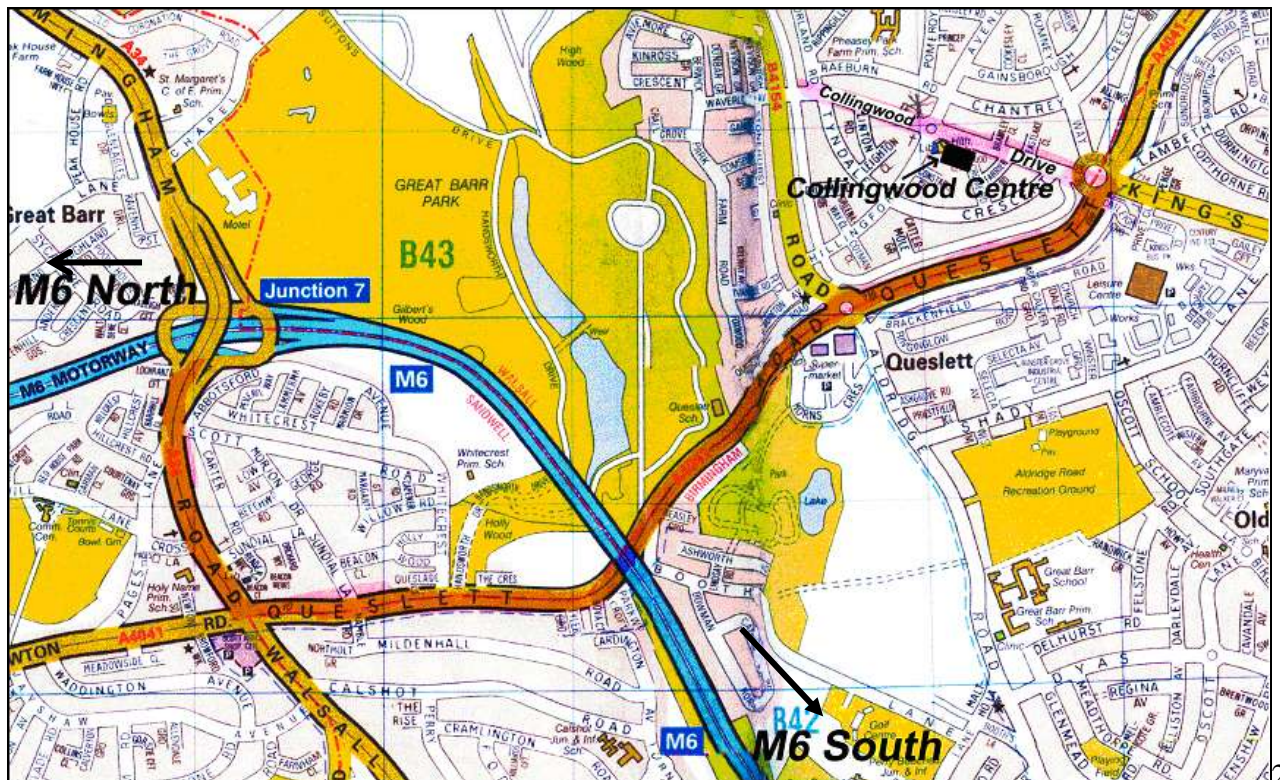
The current Officers and Committee Members having been elected for a two year term at the last Annual General Meeting an election is not required.

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

Location and Directions

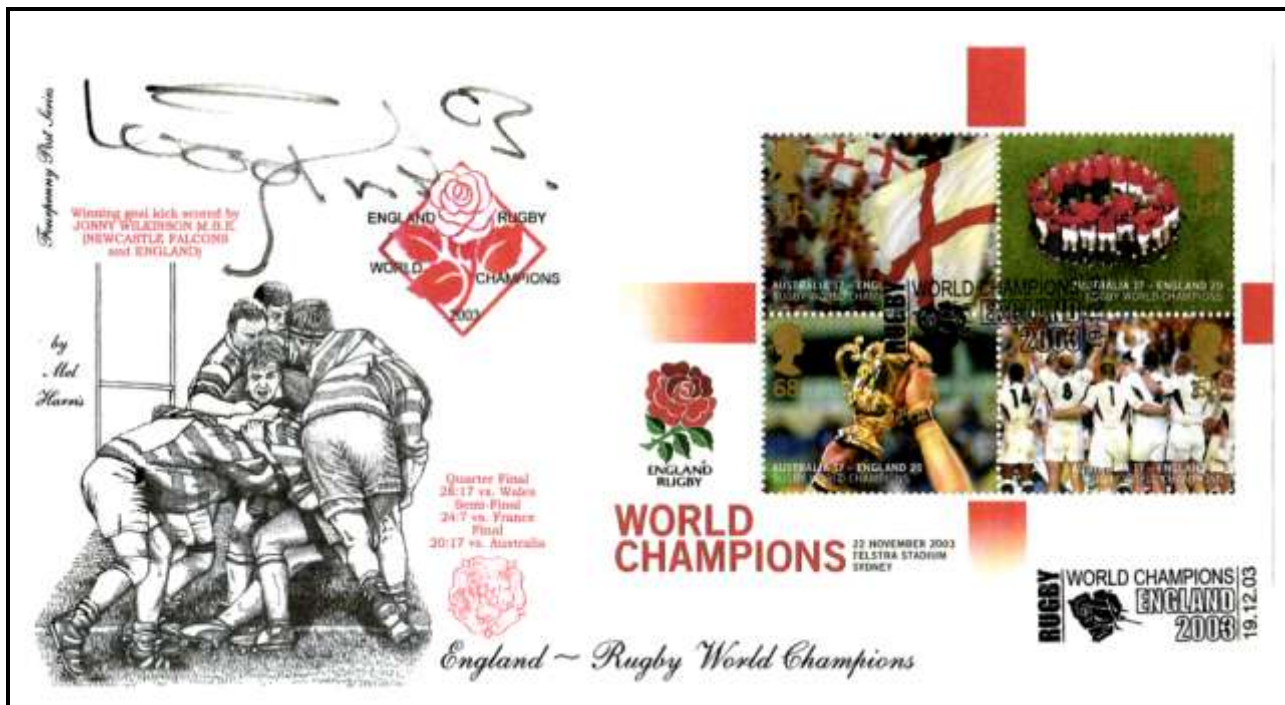
To reach the Collingwood Centre leave the M6 at junction 7 going south along the A34 (Birmingham Road). At the A4041 turn left at the junction of the Scott Arms Shopping Centre onto Queslett Road. Continue over the first roundabout (ASDA is on your right) and at the second roundabout turn left into Collingwood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



Guess the Signatures – by Ian Balcombe

The Rugby Winners 18/12/03 produced by 4d Post cover



R.F.U. Official Cover for Sport 11/06/91 produced by Sajal Philatelics



I know who the signatures are as I obtained them personally. (Answers on page 17)

GBFDC Association 20th Anniversary First Day Cover 2014



We apologise for the delay in this edition of First Day Coverage, but this has been due to the Royal Mail embargo date being extended for the above Prime Ministers stamps.

This year sees the 20th anniversary of the inception of GBFDC. It was started by the late Derek Williams in October 1994. We will be producing a First Day Cover commemorating our 20th Anniversary on 14th October for the Prime Ministers Stamp issue. The cover will cost £15 (inc. p/p)

Members interested in purchasing one of these cover have already contacted Phil and Dot to register their interest. So if you are one of these people then you can be sure of getting a cover when they are ready. Please use the application form below to send in your cheque for **£15**, made payable to **GBFDC to Terry Barnett, 7 Mackets Lane, Hunts Cross, Liverpool L25 0QA. Please note, the deadline for receipt of payment is 23rd September.**

If you wish to pay for your cover by PayPal then the price is **£15.50** (to take account of PayPal fees). Payment should be made to gbfdc_main@yahoo.co.uk

Richard Park will let Terry know who has paid this way. Member's who wish to pay by bank transfer please contact Terry Barnett direct for details, email: terryhuntsc@tiscali.co.uk

There is a deadline date for members to get their cheques/payments in by and that is 15th September. After that date we cannot take any more orders.

GBFDC Association 20th Anniversary First Day Cover 2014 Application Slip

Please send me one 20th Anniversary cover at **£15**. Enclosed is my cheque made payable to 'GBFDC'.

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

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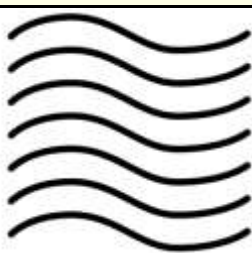
Postcode.....

Telephone (will only be used if it is necessary to contact you).....

Email.....

Slogan postmarks mark World War I

**Lest We Forget
Commemorating
the First World War
1914 – 1918**



In my absence two new slogan postmarks have been applied. I've no precise details about these, but have several examples.

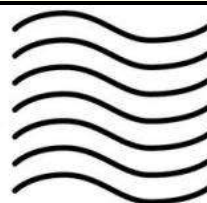
The first slogan marks the Centenary of World War I, also known as The Great War (as in the stamp issue) or the First World War (as shown on these postmarks). First, the image as shown in Royal Mail's library:

Delivered by



Royal Mail
Greenford/Windsor
Mail Centre
{Var1}
{Var2}
{Var3}

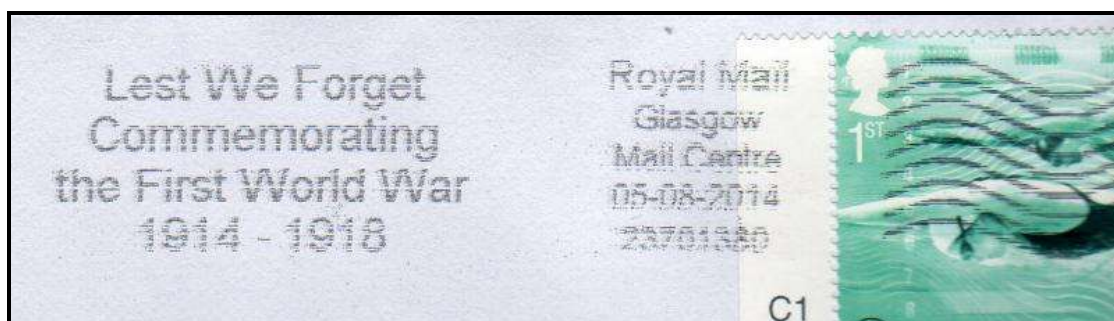
**Lest We Forget
Commemorating
the First World War
1914 – 1918**



Now some examples, from **Edinburgh Mail Centre** 4 August 2014 (thanks Adrian),



Glasgow 5 August and **Norwich** 7 August



Permission to use above illustrations with grateful thanks to Ian Billings (Norvic Philatelics)
www.norphil.co.uk

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.

1968	British Anniv	RAF Leuchars, 1s RAF single stamp on official cover	£4
1970	Gen Anniv	Florence Nightingale Exhibition SE1 on official cover	£16
1971	Ulster	FDI Londonderry(hand) special handstamp on Philart cover	£13
1974	Fire	Lansing Bagnall – full set on PO cover. Cat £200	£140
1974	UPU	Use the Post Code slogan plus RAF Hendon cachet on PO cover	£14
1975	Charity	FDI Kettering plus Winged Fellowship Trust cachet	£3
1975	Railway	FDI Paddington W2 on Philart cover. Unaddressed	£6
1975	Railway	FDI Swindon, Wilts on Philart cover. Unaddressed	£6
1976	USA	58 th Philatelic Congress, Plymouth on official cover	£20
1976	USA	CDS Northborough on PO cover. Cat £50	£22
1976	Cult Trad	Bristol Morris Men, 10p single stamp on official cover. RARE.	£30
1976	Caxton	Caxton Exh, British Library on BL official cover No:1	£18
1976	Caxton	William Caxton, Plymouth on Plymouth College official. Neat h/w	£85
1977	Chemistry	Bureau on Shell Chemicals cover	£8
1977	Speedpost	24/1/77 Extension of Service. Link with London. Very Rare.	£175
1978	Horses	FDI Aylesbury on Amersham Horse Show cover	£12
1978	Christmas	CDS Nasareth plus cachet on PO cover. Cat £125	£60
1979	Dogs	FDI Exeter on PO cover signed Peter Barrett (designer)	£8
1979	Dogs	CDS Barking on PO cover	£16
1979	Dogs	FDI MLO Redhill on PDSA cover number 443 of 500 issued	£22
1979	Dogs	Heathrow Airport special handstamp on Heathrow Airport cover	£8
1979	Police	New Scotland Yard on full set plus additional 13p stamp cancelled 17 th October 1979 Police Tattoo, Wembley Arena	£10

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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 scan or a photocopy of any cover please feel to ask. All postage free.

1970	Philympia on the Forces official with a BFPS1136 cancel (usual label remains)	£4
1972	Wedgewood booklet pane with a good 1/2p sideband – Barlaston cancel x 2	£3
1972	Churches on a Wessex cover with a Canterbury cancel unadd	£1
1972	Gen. Ann. on a Stuart cover with a London EC cancel. Printed label add.	£1
1972	S Wedding with a Windsor cancel . Printed label add.	£1
1972	Christmas on a Philart cover with a Bethlehem cancel. Printed label add.	£1
1973	IOM postage dues NON 'A'. Normal retail is around £50 Unadd.	£5
1973	Parliamentary Conf. on a Wessex cover with a London SW1 cancel. Printed label add.	£1
1973	Inigo Jones with a Newmarket cancel. Printed label add.	£1
1973	Oak Tree with a Westonbirt cancel. Printed label add.	£1
1973	Paintings with a 250 th Birthday London W1 cancel . Unadd.	£1
1975	N. Ireland 5 1/2p one band with a Ulster Crusade slogan cancel . Unadd.	£2
1977	Silver Jubilee on the D of E official	£1

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1978 Coronation on the Grand Priory official	Cat £225 x 2	£45
1979 Y.O.C. on the L.I.F.E. official		£3
1980 Q. Mother on the BOCS25 official with a Walmer cancel		£1
1980 Q. Mother on a Deal and Walmer P.S. cover with a Walmer cancel		£3
1980 Railway with a Loughborough cancel on an R.M. cover		£1
1980 Birds on a British Library official with a Sandy cancel		£2
1981 R. Wedding on an HR cover with a St. Pauls cancel		£1
1982 Theatre on the Worthing Operatic Soc. official		£3
1984 R. Mail on a R.M. cover with a Transport Leicester cancel		£1
1988 Armada on the Kellogs official		£2
1990 Kew Gardens on the Bradbury LFDC88 official		£2
1991 Maps on the Magazine official		£1
1998 P. Diana with an Althorp cancel on the Benham official		£1
1998 P. Diana with a Kensington Palace Gdns. cancel on the Benham SPG39		£3
2001 N. Ireland 2 nd 1 st E & 65p definitives with a Belfast cancel on the Mercury cover		£1
2005 World Heritage on the Internetstamps official with a Captain Cook cancel		£4
2005 Castles m/s on the Internetstamps official with a Windsor cancel		£4

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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
1984	Christmas	Benham BOCS(2) 32 official with Durham SHS	£1
1986	Halley's Comet	Benham BLCS10b with FDI London SHS	£1
1986	Halley's Comet	Benham Star 86/2A with Islington SHS	£2
1986	Queen's 60th	Benham BLCS 11b official with London SW1 SHS	£1
1986	Christmas	Benham Star 86/10A with St Margaret's, Westminster SHS	£2
1988	Australian Bicent	Benham Star 88/5B with London SW1 SHS	£2
1995	Rugby League	Benham BLCS 110b official with Bradford SHS + RSA stamp	£4
1996	Wildfowl	Benham W&W Trust official with Slimbridge SHS sgd Lady Scott	£8
1997	Post Offices	Benham BLCS 131 official with Castle Combe + Dutch stamp	£4
1999	Settlers' Tale	Benham BLCS 154 official with Plymouth SHS	£1
1999	Farmers' Tale	Benham BLCS 165 official with Laxton SHS	£1
1999	Farmers' Tale	Benham BLCS 165b official with Reading SHS	£1
1999	Artists' Tale	Benham BLCS 171 official with Stratford-upon-Avon SHS	£1
2000	Above & Beyond	Benham Pilgrim official with Matlock SHS	£6
2000	Water & Coast	Benham Pilgrim official with Liverpool SHS	£6
2000	Life & Earth	Benham Pilgrim official with Ballymena SHS	£6
2000	Art & Craft	Benham Pilgrim official with London SE1 SHS	£6
2000	People & Place	Benham BLCS 185b official with Birmingham SHS	£1
2000	Mind & Matter	Benham Pilgrim official with Edinburgh SHS	£6
2000	Body & Bone	Benham Pilgrim official with Newcastle upon Tyne SHS	£6
2000	Spirit & Faith	Benham Pilgrim official with Walton-on-Thames SHS	£6

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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

- END OF SALE -

We urgently require your lists of covers that you have for sale to appear here in the MCS for forthcoming newsletters. We have nothing in for October, so if you can send them in to us for 15th September at the latest, then it will be very much appreciated.

We also urgently require articles and features for forthcoming newsletters. Again, we have nothing in for any newsletters ahead. If we cannot gain material for inclusion then your newsletter will be drastically reduced in pages and content.

Please participate in your association and newsletter. Thank you very much

Phil Sheridan
Hon. Editor

OLYMPICS 2012 – Is this the Official?...by Ian Balcombe

The card was available only at the exhibition held at the British Library for which the postmark was produced. As well as the Welcome to the Olympics, I also have the same card for the Welcome to the Paralympics



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 sheridanfdc@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: sheridanfdc@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

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

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IMPORTANT – DON'T FORGET – 20th Anniversary cover orders reminder - As you will see on page 7, there is an application form for those of you who have already reserved your cover with Phil and Dot. Please get your cheques/payments off to Terry Barnett in good time **before the 23rd September deadline**. After that we cannot accept any further orders, **even if you have reserved in advance**.

World Cup Highlights and a Clever Twist on Philypia '70

By Nigel McGarry

As the World Cup is somewhat topical at the moment I was looking through my 'England Winners' Overprint FDCs from August 1966 and a new addition stands out. In good to fair condition as shown, the 4d. stamp is cancelled by a Manchester Machine Cancel mark on the date of issue (18 August). Affixed to a Stuart cover the postmark is relevant as Manchester was a venue for World Cup matches (Old Trafford hosted Hungary, Bulgaria and Portugal). I personally haven't seen the cover catalogued before. "They think it's all over - It is now".



Recently I bought a cover that immediately caught my attention and that is unusual in the fact that the subject was the 1970 Philypia set of three. Someone was clever enough to make the cover really eye-catching by adding two rows of five 1/2d. Wildings to compliment the Philypia set of three. All stamps on the cover have been cancelled by a Preston, Lancs FDI Handstamp. So apart from being an attractive item. I guess the cover can be deemed to be in error.

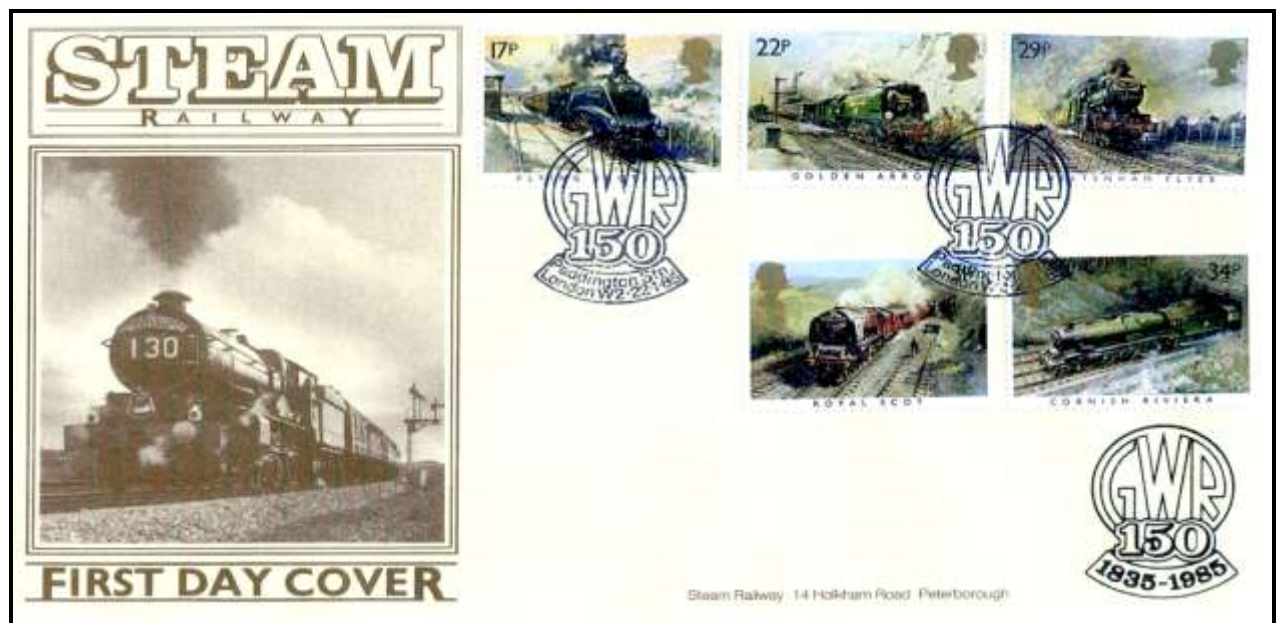


The REAL Bradbury Official Covers For 1985 Steam Issue

Further to my piece 'Help with Mystery Please' in the June 2014 edition of First Day Coverage, page 18 – This article was sent in by Richard Darkins (our grateful thanks to Richard for sending it in for publication). Below are scans of the real officials of Bradbury No.10 for the 1985 Railway issue. These were produced for two railway magazines by Rafael de Swarte, who hadn't then started to call himself CoverCraft (he sometimes used the title Design Encounter).

The cover Bradbury illustrated is not the official for No.15 – this is the D.G. Taylor cover you show in First Day Coverage – I think he just illustrates whatever covers he has available at the time!

The Steven Scott Catalogue, although very dated as regards prices, gives a good description of officials up to 1999 – if you can get hold of a copy I think you would find it a great help.



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

Ref the 1963 cable cover shown in figure 1, (*First Day Coverage* No.121, June 2014, page 13), I have the New Zealand, the Australian, and the cover shown in Fig.1. The stamps all came out on the 3rd, but are different colours!!!

Nick Larner

Dear Editor.....

Further to the article in the June newsletter by Selwyn Goodacre regarding the Christmas 1973 covers. I think that I am correct in saying that these covers were produced by Charlie Parsons who used to be the owner of the Runcorn Stamp Shop. As far as I am aware he produced them on behalf of the Cheshire History Society and these six covers were a 'one off'. Like many others I have seen the set of six covers but have never seen the official cover with all six stamps.

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CLUB COVER ANNOUNCEMENT – *We apologise for the delay in the dispatch of your Club cover for The Great War (NFA). It will be going out at the same time as the August newsletter. Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

Phil & Dot.

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If you already receive your newsletter by email then please don't forget to let us know if you change your email address.

That's it from us for this edition. Please do look in your collections and see if you can put together an article for us. It will be most appreciated.

Auction Deadlines

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

Guideline for Auction Lots

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If have any questions please contact Richard Park 01403 241825 or

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Guess the Signatures (on page 6) – Answers

The England Rugby Winners cover is signed by Sir Clive Woodward, the coach/manager of the winning team. I must admit I did give him a look of disbelief after he signed. The R.U.F. Cover is signed by Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, and the MP for Twickenham.

Phil Sheridan, P. O. Box 99, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0NN

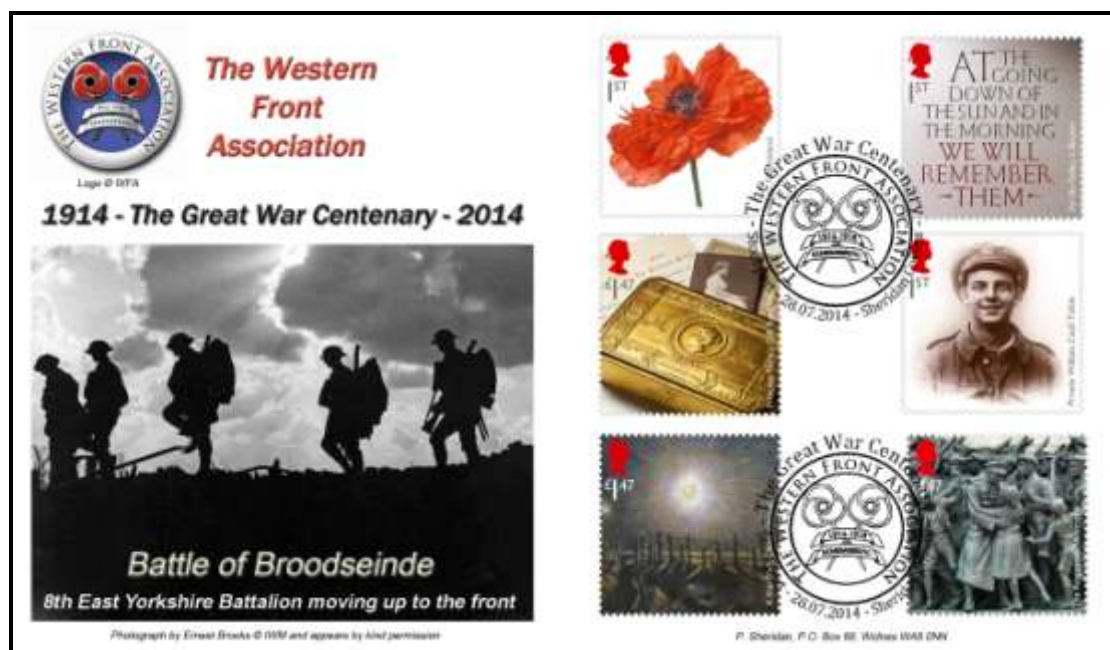
The Great War 28 July 2014 The Western Front Association Official Covers

Amendment to my advertisement in the June edition – Due to restrictions on the amount of First Day Covers I can produce using the Broodseinde image (fig.2), the main official cover will be the one shown here (fig.1). The Broodseinde cover (as shown) will be produced as the (A) cover for this issue and is available when purchased with the main cover at £17.25.

I do apologise for this change in cover but it was unexpected at the time of my advert in June.



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