

# FIRST DAY COVERAGE

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## From the Editor's Desk



**Welcome** to the December and final edition of First Day Coverage for 2013. Time is flying by at an alarming rate. It only seems a few weeks ago since last Christmas! As you know, last Christmas for us was not

great and the rest of the year has followed in the same vein. I have had more health problems, but this time with my heart, which have been sorted out thankfully. Dot then went down with a severe relapse of a Neurological illness that she has been battling for 25 years. Dot has been, and still is, very poorly and needs complete rest for at least 6 months. Unfortunately, Dot has helped me a lot with the Newsletter so we apologise for it being a little late this month.

**We** can't promise to have it out on time next year either but we will do our best. In order to help us both, for the February, and other 2014 newsletters, we would like you to send in as much material as you possibly can and to submit it as early as possible please. The deadline date is always 7th of the month previous to the newsletter edition, but if you can get it to us earlier than that then we would appreciate 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,  
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## Important Notice

### DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2014 EDITION

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

**We** are delighted that the GBFDC official AGM2013 cover for Merchant Navy has been so well received. We are sure that those of you who managed to attend the AGM on the day, and purchased a cover, will be delighted with its increase in value. We don't set out to produce such a cover but when it happens naturally then it's a bonus.

**For** those members who couldn't attend for various reasons, we have seven (7) covers up for auction. To read more about this please see the top of page 4. Good luck to everyone submitting bids for one.

**Congratulations** to Molly Robson and Rosie Hargreaves, winners of the Design a Christmas Stamp Competition. Covers were produced by our members and we show some on pages 6 and 12. There were not that many done really so these covers may be the 'sleepers' of tomorrow!

**The** first three (3) stamp issues of 2014 are: Classic Children's TV 7 January 2014, Working Horses 4 February 2014, & Classic Locomotives of Wales 20 February 2014. There will be a Classic Locomotives of the U.K PSB issue on the same day.

**We** would like to thank Royal Mail for information appearing in this editorial.

**Error in the Merchant Navy Prestige Stamp Book:**

On the pane containing the

Definitive stamps, the elliptical perforations are inverted having been applied to the top side of the stamps rather than the usual position on the bottom side. This mistake was spotted after the panes had been produced and bound into the books. However, this will not have any operational impact in terms of removal or the use of the stamps for postage, and the perforations have been applied in this way to all books. i.e. there are no variants. We apologise for this oversight and have taken steps to ensure it does not recur.

**The** minutes of this year's AGM are on page 5.

**Due** to ill health of our cover producers, we are only producing 3 main covers and the AGM cover for 2014. Please see page 3 and submit your application form and payment as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

**The** date for 2014 AGM has been set at 26 October. It is a little later than usual as committee members had other commitments for earlier in October. We hope the change of date will allow members to attend that couldn't do so before. If it does then it is a bonus.

**So** all that remains is for us to wish everyone all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. 2014. Enjoy yourselves but be safe.

We hope you receive what you want in your stocking.

*Phil Sheridan*  
Hon. Editor

## **GBFDC Official Covers for 2014**

Due to Phil & Dot's ongoing difficulties, we have decided to produce three Club Official covers, plus the AGM cover for 2014. 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 2014 Application form For All Three Covers**

Please send me **all Three** GBFDC official covers (Buckingham Palace M/S or set - 21 April, The Great War - 4 Aug., & Post & Go Winter Greenery - 13 Nov.) [Issues are subject to change] at **£42** – Total cost

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

## **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**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**

## **Apologies/Acknowledgments**

We would like to apologise to Ian Balcombe for omitting his name from the article A-Z of Britain Old Bailey Stamp Article on page 5 of the October 2013 edition of 'Coverage'. We are very grateful to Ian for sending it in.

## AGM Cover Auction

For those Association members who were unable to attend the AGM we now have seven Merchant Navy Merseyside Maritime Museum official AGM Covers available.

We have produced 60 numbered covers for this issue and although we did set a deadline date of October 15th, time and circumstances have overtaken us and this has not been possible.

The seven available covers will be offered to members only at a **minimum** price of £25 each by way of auction.

**Please let me have your bids no later than 20th December 2013.**

Any unsold covers will appear in the Association auction at the average bid price for the benefit of the Association.

Existing bids will be honoured.

**Terry Barnett , Ass. Hon. Sec.**

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## Auction Deadlines

- Spring GBFDC auction April/May is 28th February
- Autumn GBFDC Auction October/November is the 31st August.

### Guideline for Auction Lots

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

If have any questions please contact Richard Park 01403 241825 or email [rjpark@btinternet.com](mailto:rjpark@btinternet.com)



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**York Racecourse (Stand 43) January 17th & 18th 2014**

**Spring Stampex Design Centre, Islington, London (Gallery stand 23) February 19<sup>th</sup>  
– 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014**

**GBFDC Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at the Collingwood Centre commencing at 1pm.**

Richard Park welcomed the members and thanked them for attending. Apologies were received from committee members – Terry Barnett, Phil Sheridan, Dot Radley and John Chidgey together with apologies from various members.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were read and accepted on a proposal from Terry Hurlstone and seconded by Sheila White.  
There were no matters arising.

**Chairman's Report**

Currently we have 261 members – 115 receive newsletter by email. Previous newsletters are available on the website. Membership renewals can be paid by Paypal via the website.

There have been 11 new members this year – 5 have come via the website. There have been no new members recruited by the membership which was disappointing.

The website has experienced problems since mid -March with hacking or virus attacks. The website has been moved and for the last 3 months there have not been any problems.

**Auction.**

Since raising the commission for members from 10% – 15% the auction was now on track to be self-financing.

**Elections.**

The election of committee members should take place this year. The Chairman proposed that with only 3 of the 7 members present this should be deferred until next year. It was proposed by Terry Hurlstone and seconded by Graham Ceeney that the current committee should be re-elected en bloc and this agreed by the meeting.

**Official Cover Report.**

Phil Sheridan and Dot Radley had submitted their report in writing as neither could attend the meeting. Dot Radley is not well and her doctor has recommended 6 months complete rest. Phil will have to care for Dot, not being in the best of health herself. Phil thanked Terry Barnett for his help with the Auto Legends cover.

Richard Park advised that the GBFDC covers next year would be issued after March/April.

The AGM cover is available for those who had paid their subscriptions and not collect their cover yet.

**Newsletter.**

Phil Sheridan reported in writing that as she and Dot Radley would be taking a rest from cover producing for 6 months, this would take a lot of pressure off them and they expect to be able to continue editing the newsletter. They are reliant upon receiving articles from members. Richard Park echoed this plea and together with Terry Hurlstone, Ronald Higgs and Ian Balcombe would submit an article for the newsletter.

The meeting requested that the Honorary Secretary pass on their thanks to Phil Sheridan and Dot Radley for all that they have done and continue to do so.

**Treasurer's Report.**

David Cohen presented the year end accounts. There is currently a balance of £5924.24 and the Auction had produced a surplus of £1200 which would cover its costs. The electronic production of the newsletter is helping. Membership costs are being covered but there is presently no stock of stamps. The official covers produced a surplus of £900. Membership would be kept at the same rate in the coming year. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Elke Andresen and seconded by Henry Pugh.

AGM 2014. This is expected to take place at the end of October.

**Any other business.**

There was none.

**The meeting closed at 1.30pm.**

## Christmas Stamp Competition Winner

Following the daily postmarks for each of the Design A Stamp competition finalists, Royal Mail have told us that there would be a national postmark for each of the winners of the Christmas Stamp Design Competition.

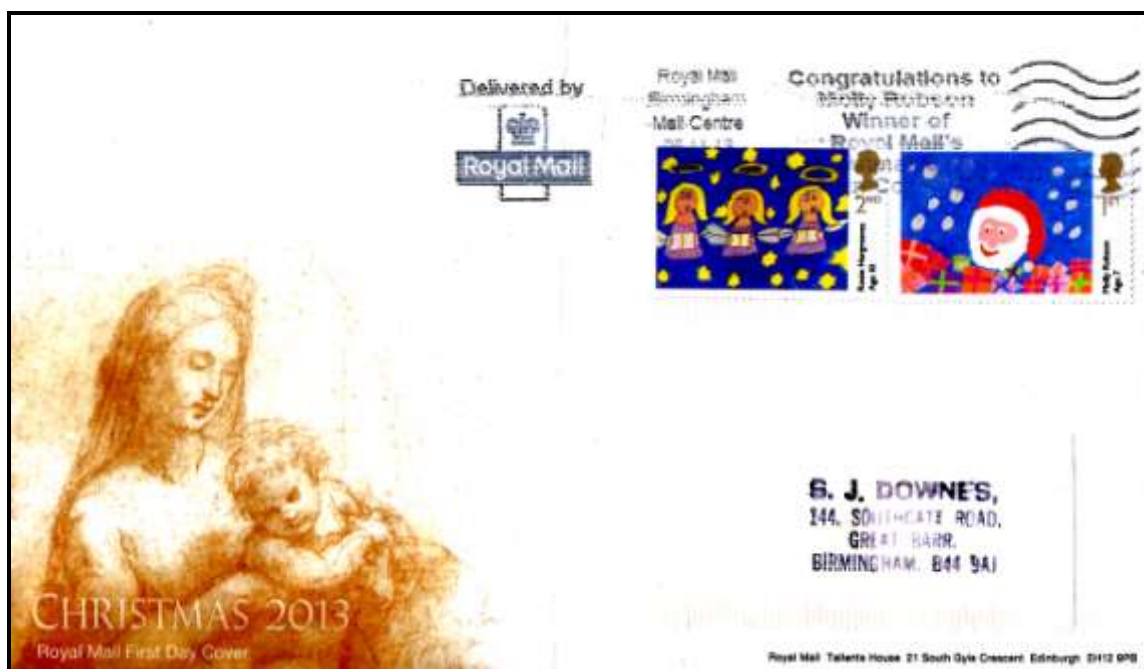
There is one each for Molly Robson and Rosie Hargreaves. Their postmarks were applied to mail due to be delivered from 5 November (Molly) and 12 November (Rosie). Thus the Molly postmark was available from selected mail centres for the first day of issue of the Christmas stamps on 5 November - but it would be hit and miss! Much of the machineable letter post isn't postmarked and there would be no guarantee that a first day cover would get the slogan.

It might get the abbreviated 'wavy lines only' postmark, or be pulled from the system altogether if a well-intentioned operative thought that it should have been sent to the special handstamp centre! The slogan reads:

**Congratulations to  
Molly Robson  
Winner of  
Royal Mail's  
Christmas Stamp  
Design Competition**



The date is just visible as 05.11.13 at the top of the 2nd class stamp. (Above is a scan of the Rosie Hargreaves slogan. Not FDI but included to show slogan)



Incidentally, we now have an arrangement with Royal Mail who have promised to tell us when new slogans of this type are being introduced - so keep looking at our blog - [blog.norphil.co.uk](http://blog.norphil.co.uk) - to keep up with the news.

**The example shown above is courtesy of Sam Downes, who tells us only 2 covers like this were produced.**

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to the Editor P.O. Box 99, Widnes, Cheshire  
WA8 0NN

*Dear Editor.....*

Re Mr E Stredwick's letter in the last club newsletter regarding his quote 'We have all heard of horror stories of bad or indifferent dealers and the tricks they get up to!' I have been a dealer for over 45 years of which the last 15 have been mainly spent on the internet, so you could say I do have a rough idea of what I am doing. I must have been asleep or lead a sheltered life because I have not heard any of these 'horror stories'. I cannot imagine what he is getting at regards his comments. Perhaps he could enlighten us all.

The dealer he mentions buys well apparently, wouldn't any dealer! I would hope any dealer would treat customers the same way as he does him, it's called business! He makes him sound as though he is some kind of Saint!

He also gives the impression without actually saying it or indeed intentionally meaning it, that there are a lot more dodgy dealers than there are good ones and it upset me to read it. I wonder what Adrian Bradbury or Tony Buckingham would think about it.

I have racked my brains trying to think of possible ways of dodgy dealings but up to now have thought of none.

I look forward to a reply from Mr Stredwick and who knows maybe some potential tips from dodgy dealers!

**Pat Brown**  
**Westcountry First Day Covers**

*Dear Editor.....*

Lets Connect  
Having been an enthusiast for over 50 years now I look back with affection on my stamping career! Oh how I wish I had kept those 1963 Lifeboat covers - carefully positioned and typed - and cancelled with a Clacton on Sea CDS which of course had a lifeboat connection. However regrets are few thankfully and my interest in covers strengthened over the years.

In my forties I was probably most active in producing CDS covers - I got the bug from the late John Swanborough.

Living in Northern Ireland there were many great connections for those memorable issues in the eighties and nineties. I always remember several

in particular. For the golf issue in 1994 I serviced Portrush, Caddy and Ballybogey. For the children's TV issue of 1996 we came across a tiny PO in the village of Corbet (for Harry Corbett), Co Down. I could write a book about the hilarious experiences my friends and I were involved in during our visits to many tiny rural Post Offices.

Today I love surfing the net looking for covers that have yet to be formally connected to the postmark. It provides an opportunity to research and buy at a reasonable price as competition for the cover is not so great.

Some collectors I know love to connect cricket issues to FDI Handstamps where County Cricket Grounds exist. Canterbury, Northampton, Worcester, Chelmsford and the like.



**£20 Star Letter**

The 'Bridge' issue of 1968 provides me with great fun looking for the set cancelled by a town or city ending in ford or bridge such as Oxford, Dartford, Cambridge, and Uxbridge and so on.

I recently connected the Discovery and Invention set from 1967 to a Sheffield FDI Handstamp, as after research, I discovered that Vickers who made the VC10 jet engine depicted on the 1/6d stamp was first formed in 1828 as a steel foundry in the city. A London EC FDI handstamp is very relevant to the issue as the ashes of Fleming, who discovered penicillin (1/- stamp), are interred in St. Paul's Cathedral, London EC.

Finally you have probably noted I love handstamps as they tend to project a neater and cleaner FDC - but hey, each to their own. It would be really interesting for connection of the month article or note to appear in forthcoming issues - give me something else to look for.

**Nigel McGarry**



**£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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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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## Members Cover Sale

If you are an ordinary member and would like to sell your covers free of charge, then be sure to let the editor have your list in good time for publication.

All the covers listed are being sold by the member whose contact details appear at the beginning of their listing. We have laid out each set of listings as requested by the vendor so layouts will probably differ from person to person. If left to the editor to arrange then the listings will take on a more uniform appearance. Prices given are the cost of each cover and buyers must contact the seller direct to negotiate the sale. The seller may or may not add postage costs so it is up to the seller and buyer to come to their own arrangement. All that remains is to wish you good luck.

### Contact Details: Peter Middleton, 331, Wollaton Road NG8 1FQ

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2013	GBFDC Association Official British Auto Legend Cover 13.08.2013	£35
2013	GBFDC Association Official Butterflies Cover 11.07.2013	£35
2013	GBFDC Association Official Dr Who Cover bearing M/S 26.03.2013	£35
2013	GBFDC Association Official London Underground Cover 09.01.2013	£35
2013	RM Merchant Navy FDC bearing Cylinder Number Stamp Booklet tied with Stampex Merchant Navy FDI Pictorial SHS 19.09.2013	£10
2013	RM Merchant Navy FDC bearing M/S tied with Atlantic & Arctic Convoys Loch Ewe, Achnasheen Pictorial SHS 19.09.13	£8
2013	RM Merchant Navy FDC bearing Cylinder Number Stamp Booklet tied with Stampex Merchant Navy FDI Pictorial SHS 19.09.2013	£10

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2013	Stampex Cover bearing Merchant Navy Cylinder Number Stamp Booklet tied with 50 Years of British Philatelic Bulletin SHS. 19.09.2013	£10
2013	Stampex Cover bearing Merchant Navy Cylinder Number Stamp Booklet tied with Stampex Merchant Navy FDI Pictorial SHS 19.09.2013	£10
2013	Stampex Covers bearing 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Union Jack small format stamp with label from the 50 Years of Philatelic Bulletin customised smilers produced at Stampex and tied with 50 Years of British Philatelic Bulletin 19.09.2013	£15

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 Phil Stamps 2003 Scotland, Classic  
 Phil Stamps 2004 Occasions, Colour  
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 Phil Stamps 2005 Trafalgar, M/S, Colour  
 Phil Stamps 2005 Classic ITV, Colour  
 Phil Stamps 2005 Farm Animals, part 1, Colour  
 Phil Stamps 2005 Farm Animals, part 2, Colour  
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 Phil Stamps 2005, Jane Eyre, M/S, Colour  
 Phil Stamps 2005, Tastes in Britain, Classic

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01/11/94 Christmas Please Control Your Dog Slogan P.O .Cover UA

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## Rare Christmas 2013 First Day Covers



### For member information.

The Christmas 2013 cover examples opposite were sent in by Sam Downes.

They show the two Christmas Competition winners stamps on the special cover issued by Royal Mail.



Fig.1 is cancelled with Bethlehem C.D.S on 5.11.13, and Sam says only 3 covers were done.

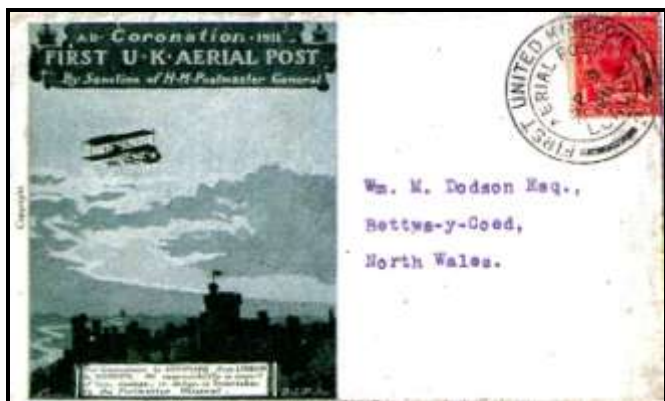
Fig.2 shows the stamps cancelled with Aberdeen, St. Nicholas C.D.S. on 5.11.13, and Sam says only 4 covers were done



Fig.3 shows the stamps cancelled by North Pole Road, Kensington on 5.11.13, and Sam says only 3 covers were done

## Discovering First Day Covers Part 2 ...by David Holl

The Coronation of George V did stir interest in First Day Covers with the Junior Philatelic Society producing an envelope for the occasion. To commemorate the Coronation the First UK Aerial Post was organised for 16 September 1911. A special envelope was produced and was to be carried on the first flight from London to Windsor.. In fact only the privileged mail (violet envelopes) was carried on 16 September 1911 but all the covers posted the day were cancelled for that day. Incidentally the first flight from Windsor to London to take mail was 16 September 1911 and both covers are shown (below).



**Fig. 1.**



**Fig.2.**

The next stamp issue following the coronation of King George V to cause interest among the stamp dealers was the first postage due released on 20 April 1914. Both Oswald Marsh (Fig.1) and W. Wilson (Fig.2) went to great lengths to obtain first day covers particularly for the 5d stamp. Marsh designated his envelope as "Bookpost" with no stamp and Wilson posted his envelope in Bruges in order to get the 5d postage due when the envelope came into the country. It is estimated that there are at most 10 covers with the 5d postage due stamp postmarked on the day of issue.

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The first British commemorative issue was for the British Empire Exhibition and the two stamps were issued on 23 April 1924. It is quite surprising that stamp collectors did not produce their own first day covers in greater quantities. It is the dealers such as H R Harmer who used the event to publicise the event, W Wilson and George King, and it is these covers which are widely seen.



Interestingly the postal stationery issued for the 1924 exhibition are normally found stamped on the day of issue addressed to stamp dealers, whereas the postal stationery issued for the 1925 exhibition tend to have been stamped on the day of issue by members of the public.



The next commemorative stamp issue was for the London Postal Union Congress and released on 10 May 1929. The stamps included a £1 stamp and as this was a lot of money at the time, covers with this value are exceedingly rare. A great majority of the covers were from the Congress itself and envelopes with the low values posted in other places can be found. Illustrated (Fig.3) is a letter card posted as a registered item on 6 May 1929, the first day of use of the registered hand stamp. This is followed by an envelope (Fig.4) with the PUC low values registered with the registered hand stamp of 10 May 1929 being the opening day of the Congress.



Fig.4

The following issue was the Silver Jubilee of King George V and collectors became more enthusiastic with a great variety of covers being executed. The stamp dealers produced illustrated envelopes and greater efforts were made to obtain different and relevant postmarks.

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Immingham  
Dock,  
Grimsby,  
Lincs.  
cancelled  
cover



Windsor,  
Berks.  
cancelled  
cover

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## Concerning the Linslade Middle School Collectors' Club

By Selwyn Goodacre

One of the fascinating things about specializing in one or two FDC issues only, rather than in collecting FDCs in general, is that you occasionally come across particular covers that are not met with in many other issues. One such is the Linslade Middle School Collectors' Club – which was very active in 1979 – which happily, as far as I am concerned, takes in the Year of the Child issue of 11 July 1979.



It would seem that there was one particular member of staff who 'ran' the Club – and, one would assume, organised these first day covers. Enquiries at the School have established that the master concerned was one Mr Radford, but the School has little record of the Club's existence.

Covers organised by this Club do pop up in catalogues and auction sales occasionally – but how many issues they dealt with is uncertain. The only ones I have been able to find details of are for the Year of the Child, and the Christmas issue of stamps for 1979 (Adrian Bradbury has an example on his website).

The Club certainly went to extraordinary lengths with the Year of the Child. They did not sponsor their own cancellation so none can be called true 'official' covers, though they did process covers with the 'Philatelic Bureau, Edinburgh' FDI; the 'Methuen commemorates E H Shepard, Winnie the Pooh, Hartfield' PHS (but with Toad and Pooh stamps only); 'Hartfield' FDI; 'Alice in Wonderland – Llandudno' PHS (Alice stamp only); and 'Stourbridge W. Mids.' FDI (Stourbridge was the home of Adrian Cresswell, designer of the Post Office cover) (Peter stamp only).

Most covers have the Luton Bedfordshire FDI cancellation (the School is based at Leighton Buzzard, near Luton), and here the Club really went to town. Coincidentally the headmaster at that time retired in July 1979, the same month as the Year of the Child issue. The Club seized the opportunity. They issued a numbered edition for covers citing the retirement. I don't know how many were issued, but I suspect 200 (the latest number I have is 158) - see picture.



There were also Club covers with a variety of stamp arrangements – I have an example with plain gutter pairs, and one with traffic lights below the stamps (see picture). I can only cite examples that are in my own collection, there may be other varieties 'out there', and I am always in the search

## Collect GB First Day Covers A Review of the 31<sup>st</sup> edition 2013 of the Booth Catalogue

By Selwyn Goodacre

I was looking forward to reading the new edition – after all it is four years since the 30<sup>th</sup> edition. Jeffrey Booth will surely have taken on board the comments made in this journal (No. 104, October 2011). But not a bit of it. The Harry Furniss misprint remains, the various pages of ‘gems’ are still not listed in the List of Contents, and in spite of his plea to ‘watch this space’ (concerning his strange views on official covers), four years later we have the same entry duplicated word for word. So we are still ‘watching’.

Seeking to find the reason for his odd views on official covers, I think it lies in his statement ‘It should be remembered that we catalogue Stamps and postmarks, not cover designs’. It is a statement with which I fundamentally disagree. As I have said before, we are surely talking about first day covers – i.e. the entire cover, stamps, postmark *and* cover design. A sponsored cover originates with a particular organisation – they have caused the postmark to be created; the fact that, as Jeffrey puts it, they are ‘made available, via Royal Mail, for everyone to use’ certainly means that other stamp producers can use them – but this is not the original intention. That belongs to the original sponsor. Would Jeffrey really still sell a Year of the Child Palitoy cover issued by Philart, at the same price as the cover designed by Palitoy? Is a Year of the Child Yardley Primary School cover of the same value as a Mercury cover with the Yardley postmark? I think not.

One of the ‘fall outs’ of his views on official covers seems also to mean that we are given no details whatever about commercial cover producers – for full details we need to refer to the Adrian Bradbury ‘Collecting British First Day Covers’ – in my opinion a rather superior catalogue, in spite of Jeffrey’s assertion that his is the ‘leading publishing authority on GB First Day Covers today’.

There *are* improvements in this new edition – all illustrations are now in colour, and there are new sections about the various monarchs. Prices are variously updated, though some revisions seem a little arbitrary to me – for the Year of the Child, the Palitoy cover goes from £25.00 to £27.50, but the Far Sawrey CDS drops from £78.00 to £75.00 (in my opinion, a pretty rare cover to find), but this is to nitpick.



Opposite is a letter (reduced in size to fit in newsletter) from Vanessa Thomas, Fundraising Manager, Hope House, Children's Hospices (Shropshire & Powys), addressed to Henry Pugh. The Letter says: “*Thank you so much for your kind donation of £400 raised from the sale of Princess Diana stamps signed by Trevor Rees-Jones. Your generous support is so valued by everyone at Hope House and Ty Gobaith Children's Hospices. The Hospices are busy at the moment with children visiting for respite stays and filling the rooms with giggles and fun. Christmas might feel a long way off for many of us but festive art sessions in the playrooms have already started with plenty of glitter, stars and spray snow creating unique artwork for the hospice walls. Only with your support can we continue to fund our specialist nursing care for life limited children and young people from across the region as well as supporting outreach and professional counselling for families who use our hospices and for families in the wider community who have lost a child too. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your kind donation which will benefit so many special children and their families*”.

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