COVER LOVER

The magazine for first day and commemorative cover collectors

SPICE GIRLS

11th January 2024



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Buckingham Covers - The First in First Day Covers



Dear Collector,

Drum roll, welcome to the first Cover Lover of 2024, when we can open the curtains (see below) and let you know what is coming up and even get the chance to show you the January issue featuring the Spice Girls, there are people of a certain age in the office very excited about this one!

We have already spent quite a long time planning the covers for this year and can't wait to show you what is coming up.

One thing we can say, at this point, is that we have made a change to our signed covers. From this first issue all our main signed covers will just have a single stamp on them. Dealing with agents and getting signatures has become harder and harder. This will save us all a massive amount on the value of stamps and help keep the final cost to you down, the added bonus is it will give the signers much more space too.

This year you will also notice some changes to Cover Lover, regular customer will know that for the second half of 2023 we did a lot of magazines, for 2024 we

"Drum roll, welcome to the first Cover Lover of 2024"

are trying to be more sensible, cutting back on the number of magazines and number of pages, but not the quality of the stock going into them. We still think we have one of the greatest stocks in the world and it will be great to try and show, and sell you, some of it this year!

At the time of writing there is no news of signatures for the Spice Girls issue, plus we have a couple of very special items we could not fit in, so to hear about these first, either check our website or even better sign up for our 'Hear It First' emails.

So I think that just leaves us to say that we hope you had a very good Christmas and to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Happy Collecting



Brian Austin December 2023



SPICE GIRLS

11th January 2024



BC732 £28.50

Spice up your life with these great first day covers celebrating one of the most successful girl bands of all time, the Spice Girls. Our girl power cover celebrates this era of music with a Cool Britannia look, the stamps are cancelled with a Wembley postmark which is where some of their most famous performances have been.

For early notification of the signed options for this issue, sign up for our emails on our website.

BC732M £24.95

The miniature sheet features stamps of each of the Spice Girls and our Wembley postmark.

BC732MB £24.95

Our Spice Girls miniature sheet cover with the barcode attached.



BC732MA £24.95

Miniature sheet stamps cover with our Wembley postmark.



BC732LSET1 £32.50

Pair of Spice Girls covers with the stamps and labels from the collector's sheet which features photos of the live performances of the band.



BC732LSET2 £32.50

Pair of Spice Girls covers with the stamps and labels from the collector's sheet which features the miniature sheet stamps and photos of the band.



Set of four Spice Girls covers each with a different pane from the prestige stamp booklet, with our Wembley postmark.

BC732PSB £64.95

Set of four Spice Girls covers each with a different pane from the prestige stamp booklet, with non Buckingham postmark.





As we start 2024 we look back on the Buckingham First Day Covers which made up 2023.



BC717 £25

Iron Maiden. Just 5 available.



BC719 £24.50

Flying Scotsman Centenary.



£25 BC720 Flowers.

BC718PAIR £35 Marvel's X-Men, pair.



BC723 £25 Blackadder. BC722M SOLD OUT

Coronation of HM King Charles III miniature sheet.



BC721PAIR SOLD OUT

Robin Hood, pair.



BC724 £27.50

Warhammer. Just 3 available.



BC725 £30

Empire Windrush. Just 3 available.



BC726PAIR £35

Wildlife

Great British River Wildlife, pair. Just 3 available.



BC727 £27.50

Terry Pratchett's Discworld.



BC728 £24.50 Paddington Bear.



BC729 £24.50 Dame Shirley

Bassey.



BC731 £24.50 Christmas



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We have some fantastic covers planned for this year, let us supply your first day covers

We have now entered the second year of King Charles stamps and Royal Mail have announced some great issues and we have some fantastic plans to produce the best first day covers for each issue. By joining one of our first day cover clubs, you need never worry about missing an issue or trying to buy the stamps as the shops are closing.

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The Buckingham Rail Cover Review

This a full list of all the main covers from this year, from Flying Scotsman to the Underground via the Great Train Robbery. It is not too late to add some of these into your collection!



R416 £30



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R413 Centenary of the Grouping of the
Big Four Railways£12.50

15th February

R414 175th Anniversary of the Caledonian Railway.....£12.50

1st March

R415 175th Anniversary of the Opening of the Lincolnshire Wolds Railway.....£12.50

9th March

R416 Flying Scotsman Centenary, carried.....£30

6th March

R417 175th Anniversary of the Wensleydale Railway£12.50

13th April

R418 175th Anniversary of the Robin Hood Line....£12.50

1st May

R419 50th Anniversary of the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, carried......£Buying

11th May

R420 125th Anniversary of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway.....£15

6th May

R421 King Charles III Coronation, Heritage carried special......£13.50

6th May

R422 Carolean Express King's Cross to Edinburgh Waverley......£15

23rd June

R423 Bicentenary of Robert Stephenson and Co Locomotive Works......£12.50

9th July

R424 Centenary of the Cheltenham Flyer.....£12.50

11th Julv

R425 175th Anniversary of Waterloo Station£12.50

8th August

R426 60th Anniversary of the
Great Train Robbery.....£17.50

23rd August

R427 Centenary of the Caerphilly

Castle Locomotive

5th September

R428 Paddington Bear, Paddington Station.....£12.50

19th October

R429 Harry Potter, Kings Cross.....£12.50

17th November

R430 Centenary of the Northern Line Extension between Golders Green and Hendon Central.....£12.50



R426 £17.50

R429 £12.50



Rail CLUB

For full details of our plans for the 2024 Rail covers please see the next page

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We are re-launching the Rail Club...welcome to the Buckingham Rail Season Ticket! Less is definitely more - with only six rail covers, they will be our BEST SIX COVERS. Even better designs, better stamps and where possible we will get them carried.

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Artist's Impression	card. We cannot process your order without it.



MUSIC GIANTS

PINK FLOYD 7TH JULY 2016

BC543M £20

Classic Miniature sheet cover. Floyd Road, London postmark.

BC543MS £25

Signed by **Mark Ellen,** Magazine Editor, Journalist, and Broadcaster.

DAVID BOWIE 14TH MARCH 2017



BC555V £94.95

Framed Vinyl art.

BC555 £20

Classic Stamp cover. Heddon Street, London postmark.

BC555S2 £30

Signed by **David Mallet,** Music Director.

ELTON JOHN 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019



BC629 £20

Classic Stamp cover. Pinner postmark.

BC629MAS £30

Miniature Sheet stamps cover. Signed by **Charlie Rowe**, played Ray Williams in Rocketman.



QUEEN 9TH JULY 2020

BC643MA £20

Classic Miniature Sheet stamps cover. Rockfield postmark.

Signed by **Mark Blake**, Author and Journalist. **BC643MAS** £20





BC643V £18.50

Classic Stamp cover. Summer of Stamps, Virtual Festival, Leeds postmark.



BC656MA £20

Classic Miniature Sheet stamps. Abbey Road, London NW8 postmark.



PAUL MCCARTNEY 28TH MAY 2021

BC656S £32.50

Classic Stamp cover. Campbeltown, Kintyre, Scotland postmark. Signed by **Kevin Mains**, played McCartney in the Cilla TV Series.





BC656M £20 Classic Miniature Sheet cover. Abbey Road, London NW8 postmark.

THE ROLLING STONES 20TH JANUARY 2022

BC701MA £18.50

Classic Miniature Sheet stamps cover. Hyde Park, London postmark.

BC701MAS £28.50

Goodman, artist who sculpted statues of Mick Jagger & Keith Richards.



BC701M

USIC GIANT

£25

Classic Miniature Sheet cover. Eel Pie Island, Twickenham postmark.

IRON MAIDEN 12TH JANUARY 2023

BC717

£25

Classic Stamp cover. Leyton, London postmark.

ВС717МА £20

Classic Miniature sheet stamps. Leyton, London postmark.



DAME SHIRLEY BASSEY

21ST SEPTEMBER 2023

BC729 £24.50

Classic Stamp cover. Tiger Bay, Cardiff postmark.





ВС729М

£20

Classic Miniature Sheet cover. Shirley Way, Maidstone postmark.



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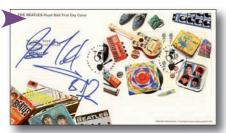
SGB309BK £40

9th January 2007 Beatles single stamp cover signed by Billy Kinsley, original member of The Merseybeats.



SGB309M £25

9th January 2007 Beatles miniature sheet cover signed by Joey Molland, lead singer with the band Badfinger. They were signed to Apple Records and played at George Harrison's Concert for Bangladesh.



SGB309G £30

9th January 2007 Beatles single stamp cover signed by Brian Griffiths, a member of Cilla Black's backing group Big 3.





SGC059C £175

£35 per month over 5 months

1998 Official Comic Heritage cover, featuring and signed by comedy legend June Whitfield (1925 - 2018), star of Carry on Films, Terry and June and Ab Fab, also signed by legendary Genesis drummer and singer, Phil Collins.

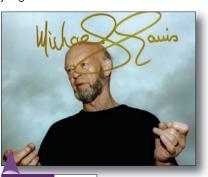


£35 SGE033

David Essex, music legend and actor, signed 1980 Regent Street Christmas cover. He switched the Christmas Lights on in this year.



2017 Benham David Bowie cover, signed by entrepreneur and record executive Simon Cowell, he once asked Bowie to become a judge on the X Factor.



Colour 8" x 10" colour photo of Glastonbury Festival founder Michael Eavis and signed by him.

BITISH FAIRS

SGL110A £50

Bonnie Langford, David Schofield & Patrick Cargill signed 1983 Fairs cover, signed when they were at the Theatre Royal in Bath, we think they were appearing in Me and My Girl.

Sir Norman Wisdom (1915 - 2010), signed 1998 Comedians, actor, comedian and singer.





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14th May 1985 Benham Music cover, signed by British band leader **Joe Loss.**

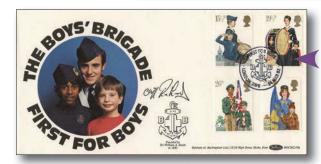
Ron Moody (1924 -2015), signed 2002 Peter Pan coin cover, he played Captain Hook, actor, composer and singer, but best known for playing Fagin.



NAMED CONDICTION

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10th September 1980 set of 4 single stamp Conductors covers, signed by conductors Colin Davis, Charles Groves and Charles Mackerras. The soloist Evelyn Barbirolli has signed the cover that features her husband, Sir John Barbirolli. The fifth cover, for the London 1980 stamp exhibition, is postmarked 7th May with a Royal Opera house postmark and has been signed by the tenor Sir Peter Pears.



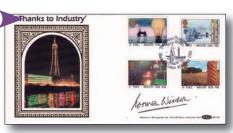
SGR016A £125 £25 per month over 5 months Cliff Richard signed 1982 Boys Brigade cover.



Sir Harry Secombe (1921 - 2001), signed 1988 Welsh Bible CoverCraft cover, signed by presenter, singer and former Goon.

SGW003G £50

Sir Norman
Wisdom (1915 2010), signed 1986
Industry, Workers
Playground
Blackpool cover,
actor, comedian
and singer.



SGW010E

£75

16th June 1993 American Legends of Popular Music cover with stamps of Buddy Holly & Ritchie Valens and signed by **Bill Wyman,** former bass player with the Rolling Stones



£25 per month over 6 months

SGW022C £150

1998 Comedy Bradbury cover, signed by comedian **Ernie Wise** (1925 - 199), one half of Morecambe and Wise and they feature on the cover as well.





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FOGGY

2005 Motorcycles, signed by legend Carl Fogarty, one of the greatest riders of all time with 59 victories and 4 world superbike championships.

MR231C £50

CORONATION FLIGHT

This is one of those covers that turns up about once a year, the 1953 Coronation Qantas Full set cover, flown to Australia on their official cover with special purple cachet and Sydney receiving mark on the reverse 5 days later, neat typed address.



SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

As soon as these come into stock they go again. For this issue he was a main signer, but really since then you normally get a very polite no when you ask him. Here **Sir David** has signed the Benham 1995 Brownsea Island National Trust centenary cover.



The Mallard



While we are at this seems like a good time to once again feature Cuneo's illustration of the Mallard on the 1988 Transport National Railway Museum Mallard cover.

FC4085BA £25

AGO

Special 2007 Isle of Man TT Centenary cover, signed by Grand Prix Motorcycle Champion 350cc 7 time and 500cc 8 time winner, Giacomo Agostini. I would put my hand up and say that I don't know much about the races but think the Agostini stamp is the one on the bottom row with the red border and number 1 on the front.





STEAM SPECIAL CARRIED

This Benham 1994 Age of Steam North British Railways cover was carried in December 1993 on a steam special between Edinburgh and Perth and return going over the Forth Bridge twice, nice illustration of the Elizabethan by Terence Cuneo.



FC4142ZHC £25

SPALDING SLOGAN

I think this needs to be added to your 'Needs to be in your collection' list. We always say condition is important with slogans, and I don't think you will find better than this 1979 Flowers, Spalding Flower Parade special slogan. A clean Post Office cover with the smallest of label addresses.



LEYLAND LION

I do like a home-made cover, this one has both the 1982 Technology stamps to mark the restoration of the Ribble Leyland Lion in Preston. First, I should say It is not first day, then I will also say it is **covered in signatures**, of which one I can



identify and inside are a number of newspaper clippings and even a commemorative bus ticket. Finally, I should say that this is number one in a limited edition of two. This will give you hours of research.

FC4036Z £35

DESIGNER SIGNED

I must confess that I always thought these stamp designs were taken direct from stained glass windows, but they were in fact 'derived' from Windows at Canterbury Cathedral by designers Edward Hughes, Graham Clarke and Collis Clements. This is the cover signed by all three.





While I am at it we also have this unusual First Day postcard featuring the St Thomas Beckett window in the Cathedral with Canterbury special postmark and posted at the Cathedral cachet.

THE SALVATION ARMY

If we ever get enough in stock we will do a page of Salvation Army covers, this one for the 1993 Art issue, Salvation Army Conference Centre Sunbury Court official cover, marks the 50th Anniversary Open Day.



Wishart's War

Yes we are back to the wartime covers of John Wishart, of whom little is known. This one is dated 1st September 1939,

the day Germany Invades Poland, registered with all four King Edward VIII stamps and Salford CDS.

TCS522 £75



Special Commemorative Issue FIRST DAY COVER

CHURCHILL CDS

All cover collectors will know that this year marks the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Sir Winston Churchill, so I felt it was time to offer you one very nice cover. From the 1965 Memorial issue (phosphor stamps) a clean Connoisseur cover with a neat Churchill Oxford CDS postmark.

FC363 £125 £25 per month over 5 months

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above: The Churchill War Rooms

uring a recent weekend in London, I took in a few of the capital's sites, visiting Apsley House, The Churchill War Rooms & HMS Belfast. On Hyde Park Corner stands Apsley House, the London townhouse of the Duke of Wellington. Built in the 1770s it came into the 1st Duke's possession in 1817 and now houses the Wellington collection. The collection features numerous artefacts from the Battle of Waterloo including weapons, uniforms and captured French flags; as well as gifts given to Wellington from monarchs and governments across Europe for his part in Napoleon's defeat.

Opposite the house stands the Wellington Arch, completed in 1830 as part of plans to upgrade Hyde Park to match the splendour of other European cities. Designed as a 'triumphal arch' by renowned 19th century architect Decimus Burton, the top of the arch originally had a large sculpture of Wellington on horseback, but this was replaced by the current bronze statue of the Goddess of Victory in 1912.

The Cabinet War Rooms were located beneath the Treasury building in Whitehall, with construction beginning in 1938 & becoming fully operational on 27th August 1939, less than a week before Britain declared war. In 1984 they were reopened by the Imperial War Museum giving the public access to both the War Rooms and a dedicated museum to Churchill's life. What amazed me most about the War Rooms was the walls of the main situation room that were covered in maps of the world. The guide explained that these are still the original maps that were there when the rooms closed after the end of the war, and that if you look closely you can see small pin pricks across them which were made by markers tracking positions of ships and convoys.



FC1058 £10

1974 Churchill, House of Commons postmark.



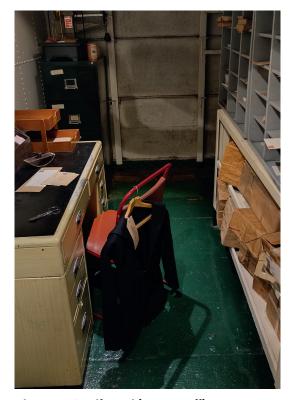
BC526M4 £25

2015 Battle of Waterloo Bicentenary, Isle of Man postmark.

below: The Wellington Arch



In the Churchill Museum there were items from all parts of his life, from childhood school reports through to the Union Jack which was draped over his coffin during the procession through London. One of the most interesting items to me on show was a letter written by King George VI to Churchill just days before D-Day, pleading with Churchill to change his mind that he should be aboard one of the British Ships off Normandy during the invasion. The King's wise words that morale would have taken quite a hit had his ship been sunk must have had the desired effect!



Above: HMS Belfast, ship's post office



2010 Britain Alone, Churchill Society postmark.

My final visit was to HMS Belfast. The World War Two Cruiser was launched in 1938 and saw action early in the war as part of the British blockade of Germany. She was struck by a mine at the end of 1939 and spent two years undergoing major repairs. After this she returned to action escorting Arctic Convoys during 1943 and played an important role at the Battle of North Cape, assisting in the destruction of the Scharnhorst. In 1944 she operated during D-Day as a support ship before being moved to the Pacific Theatre. It's certainly an impressive ship to walk around, especially the engine room where there are so many switches, valves and buttons, my head hurt just thinking about how they managed to operate the ship.

The trip was completed with the classic tourist photo whilst sitting on the Captain's Chair & then a final visit to the ship's Post Office, set up aboard as it would have been during the war which as a stamp dealer was of course the highlight!

Happy Collecting!
Craig

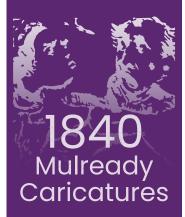


BC469ABS £25

2013 Merchant Navy, signed by Russian Arctic Convoy veteran **Reg Wheeler.**







The 1840 Mulready was ridiculed by contemporaries for its overly elaborate design and many caricature envelopes were produced by publishers including Fores', Spooner, Southgate, and Menzies. Their ridicule proved so effective that it was decided to stop producing the Mulready just two months after its release.

BP241 £350

£50 per month over 7 months

Fores 'Comic' Number One wrapper. Depicting Britannia despatching her messengers whilst the lion has an eye patch and a monkey on his back in uniform with a cocked hat. Also

includes references to China and opium, plus post boys riding horses. Very fine & unused original.



BP242 £350 Fex £50 per month over 7 months

Fores 'Courting' Number One envelope. Fine & unused original.

BP243 £350

£50 per month over 7 months

Fores 'Civic Number Eight envelope, depicting the Lord Mayor of

London astride a turtle and images of Gog and Magog the traditional guardians of the City of London. Fine & unused original.

BP244 £350 Fex £50 per month over 7 months

Fores 'Hunting' Number Four envelope. Very fine & unused original.





BP245 £350

£50 per month over 7 months

Spooner 'Receiving Letters' Number Two envelope. Very fine & unused original.



BP246 £350 Fex £50 per month over 7 months

Spooner 'Courtship' Number One envelope showing scenes of romance & courtship. Fine & unused original.

£59.50 per month over 10 months Flexi BP247

Spooner 'Letter Writing' Number Four envelope, hand drawn illustrated example. Fine condition with minor strengthening marks on the reverse.



BP248 £325 £65 per month over 5 months

Southgate 'Pickpocket' Number One envelope. Depicting Britannia with her right eye covered by a patch as she scatters her messengers, plus references to the war with China, and a postman attempting in vain to deliver to a man on the gallows. Fine & unused original.

BP249 £325

£65 per month over 5 months

Southgate 'The Ladies' Number Two envelope. Showing Britannia sending out letters to a cook, milk woman & washer woman. Very fine & unused original.



BP250 £325

Flexi Pay £50 per month over 7 months

Southgate 'Peg-leg' Number Three envelope. Depicting the scenes of joy brought about by cheaper postage, plus celebrations of the naval victory over the Chinese. Very fine & unused original.



BP251 £350 £50 per month over 7 months

Southgate 'Blarney Stone' Number Four envelope. Showing political affairs with the Queen replacing Britannia, and the lion seated upon the Blarney Stone next to a portrait of Daniel O'Connell. Very fine & unused original.

BP252 £300 Few £50 per month over 6 months

Southgate 'Pickwick Papers' Number Five envelope. Illustrating a dismayed looking Britannia surrounded by characters from the Pickwick Papers by Charles Dickens including Tracy Tupman, Mr Pickwick & Sam Weller. Very fine & unused original.

£50 per month over 7 months Flex BP253 £350

Southgate 'Papal' Number Six envelope. Depicting the Pope in place instead of Britannia. Very fine & unused original.



BP256 £400 Ex £80 per month over 5 months

Menzies 'Washer Women' envelope. Showing Britannia as a washer woman despatching her messengers, plus a 'Man of Letters' and other references to China and Turkey. Very fine & unused original.





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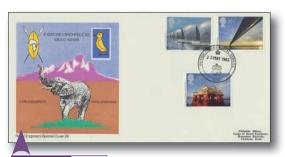
FC4003W £150 Feet £50 per month over 3 months

31st May 1978 25th Anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, The Gatwick Park Hotel Official cover, Horley Surrey special postmark. Around 250 of these were issued, but given away to customers so hard to find.



FC4015M £150 Fax £50 per month over 3 months

16th January 1980 Birds, Silver Jubilee of Queens School Rheindahlen Official cover, BFPS 1671 special postmark. It is thought that 500 of these covers were issued.



FC4042Q £150

Flexi £50 per month over 3 months

25th May 1983 Engineering, Royal Engineers Exercise Larchpole Kenya Official cover with British Forces 1000 postmark.

£50 per month over 11 months Fex FC4043QA £550

6th July 1983 The British Army, Join the Territorial Army 75th Anniversary Northampton special slogan cancelling the top value with the other four values below cancelled with a Northampton FDI on 75th Anniversary of the Territorial Army in Wales cover. Small label address.



FC4009F £150 Fex £50 per month over 3 months

9th May 1979 EEC Stowmarket Twining with Jumelage Official cover, Stowmarket Entente Cordiale special postmark plus Verneuil special slogan, small label address. It is estimated that just 100 of these covers were produced.



FC4025X £200 £50 per month over 4 months

25th March 1981 Disabled, Arthritis Care Official cover, London SW1 special postmark. It is thought that only 30 of these covers as a full set exist.



£35 per month over 5 months Fex FC4038Y £175

13th October 1982 British Motor Cars, Highway Windscreens, Woodford Green Essex Official cover. It is believed only 100 exist and they were given away as promotional gifts to garages.



The Portfolio



FC4052M £200 Flexi £50 per month over 4 months

26th June 1984 Greenwich Meridian, Life and Leisure Exhibition Olympia, National Federation of Women's Institutes Official cover. London W14 special postmark.



FC4062M £100

8th October 1985 British Film Year, Gone with the Wind Official cover. Richmond Surrey special postmark. Certified limited edition of 500 covers.



£50 per month over 5 months Fex FC4059Z £250



18th June 1985 Safety at Sea, Sealion Shipping Tenth Anniversary City of London RNLI official cover. It is thought that only 100 of these covers were issued.



£50 per month over 2 months



18th November 1986 Christmas, Thames Barrier Exhibition Centre official cover. It is thought that only 70 of these were produced.



FC4064H £250 Fex £50 per month over 5 months

14th January 1986 Industry, Osram Ltd - The Light of Experience Official cover, Wembley special postmark.



FC4090E £300 Fexify £50 per month over 6 months

15th November 1988 Christmas, Royle official cover. These only appeared on the market three years after the issue and it is believed that less than 40 full set covers were produced.



£50 per month over 4 months Fex FC4074F £200



20th January 1987 Flowers, Bradbury Blinds Official cover, Northampton special postmark.



£25 per month over 4 months Flexi FC4096J £100



4th July 1989 Industrial Archaeology, Zanders Zeta Matt Post Official cover, Isambard Kingdom Brunel Bristol special postmark. It is estimated that just 100 of these full set covers exist.



FC4115A £150 Flexi £50 per month over 3 months 5th March 1991 Scientific Achievements, 21 Years Computer Innovation Comparex Official cover,

Wembley special postmark. It is thought that only 40 of these full set covers exist.



3rd October 1995 Centenary of Rugby League, GBFDC Official cover, Kenton Harrow special postmark. Certified numbered limited edition of 100 covers.



£55 per month over 2 months Fex FC4111B £110



16th October 1990 Astronomy, The Royal Observatory Greenwich, British Astronomical Association Official cover, Cambridge special postmark. It is thought that only 40 full set covers exist.



£25 per month over 9 months Feat FC4115J £225

5th March 1991 Scientific Achievements, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Official cover, Camberley Surrey special postmark. It is just thought that just 30 full set covers were produced.



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FC4147JC

6th June 1994 D-Day, Southsea CoverCraft official



£25 per month over 6 months Flexi FC4170S £150

1st October 1996 Classic Cars, In Celebration of Thirty Years Lux Traffic Control and Management Official cover, Malmesbury special postmark. Just 45 of this full set cover were produced.



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Queen Victoria

Queen Victoria signed mourning cover as 'The Queen'. Addressed to Sir Edward Malet at the British Embassy in Berlin who was her ambassador to the German Empire. British royalty autographs remain very popular and continue to generate much interest when offered for sale to both collectors

Queen Victoria's 63 years and seven months reign is the second longest of any British monarch. Victoria ascended to the throne aged 18 and married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha in 1840 with whom she had nine children which married into royal families across the continent, earning her the title, 'the grandmother of Europe'. Her largely popular reign witnessed huge industrial, political, and cultural changes, which ensured her status as a national icon.

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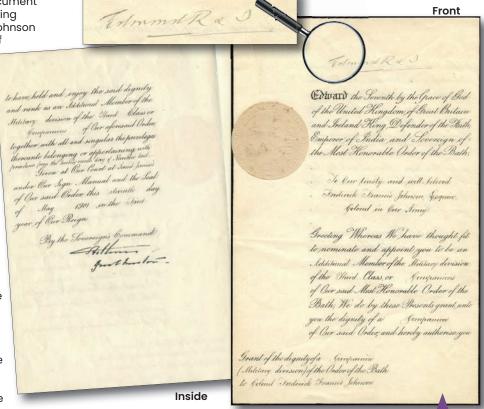
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King Edward VII

King Edward VII signed document dated 11th May 1901 appointing Colonel Frederick Francis Johnson as an Additional Member of

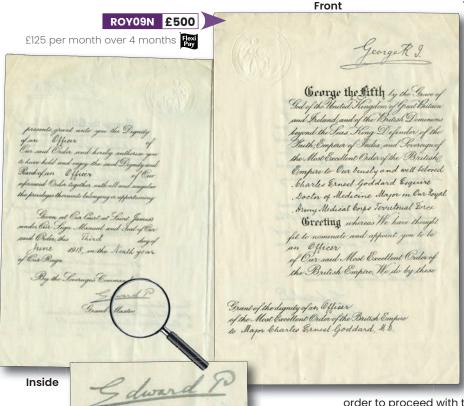
the Military Division of the Third Class & a Companion of the Order of the Bath. The King has hand signed the top of the document which is in excellent condition & features the seal of the The Most Honorable Order of the Bath.

King Edward VII was King of the United Kingdom, the British Dominions, and Emperor of India. Isolated from any political influence during Victoria's reign due to their often troubled relationship, he instead gained a reputation for embodying the fashionable elite. However, during his reign he played an active part in the modernisation of the British Fleet and the reform of the Army; with the Edwardian era witnessing significant changes in technology, culture, and the broader role of society.





King Edward VIII



King Edward VIII signed document dated 3rd June 1918 in his capacity as Grand Master of the Order of the British Empire appointing **Charles Goddard Doctor** of Medicine Major in our Royal Army Medical Corps Territorial Force. At this time Edward was the Prince of Wales & so the document also has a George V facsimile autograph. Edward VIII was King of the United Kingdom, the Dominions of the British Empire, and Emperor of India. With the outbreak of the First World War he joined the Grenadier Guards in June 1914, and received the Military Cross in 1916. During his reign he quickly alarmed the establishment with his disregard of protocol and conventions; with his proposal to American divorcee Wallis Simpson causing a constitutional crisis. Edward abdicated in

order to proceed with the marriage and was entitled as the Duke of Windsor, his reign lasted only 326 days.

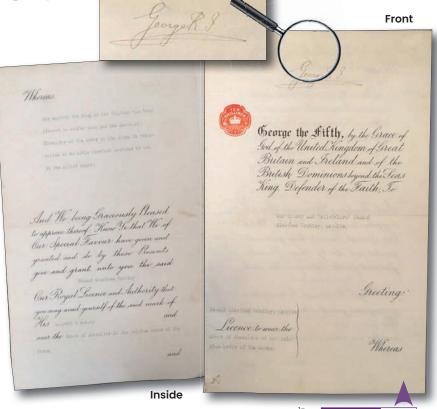


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King George V

King George V signed document dated 19th April 1919 awarding Edmund Clerihew Bentley the licence to wear the Cross of Chevalier of the Belgium Order of the Crown. An excellent condition item embossed with the Royal Seal & countersigned by the then Home Secretary Edward Shortt. George V was King of the United Kingdom, the British Dominions and Emperor of India. His reign coincided with a volatile political landscape with the rise of both communism and fascism: and increasing independence movements in both Ireland and India. During the destruction of the First World War, his Royal House also became a casualty with the renaming in 1917 to the House of Windsor. The changing political tide saw him in 1924 appoint the first Labour government, and in 1931 the dominions of the Empire were reorganised as independent states within the Commonwealth of Nations.



£250 per month over 2 months ROY08Q £500





DOCTOR WHO

BC461R2DS1 £200 | Flexi Pay £50 per month over 4 months 26th March 2013 Doctor Who. Matt Smith Retail booklet stamp. Double postmark.

Signed by Matt Smith.



BC560S

20th June 2017 Windmills & Watermills. Brixton, London postmark. Sianed by George Clarke.



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BCFK01S3 £225

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BC568S2 £35

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6th June 2021 Normandy Memorial Trust set of 6 covers. Signed by veterans Ted Hunt, David Woodrow, Donald Hunter, George Batts, Joe Cattini & Reg Charles.



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BC626S

9th July 2019 Curious Customs. Stamp cover. Whitstable postmark. Signed by Martin Carthy. Eliza Carthy & Norma Waterson.



20th January 2011 75th Anniversary of King Edward VIII Accession. Coin cover. Signed by Rufus Wright.



BCSP53S8 £25

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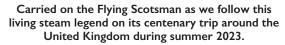


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- 6. 7th June, Paddington Cardiff
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- 8. 17th June, Victoria Portsmouth and Return
- 9. 21st June, Paddington Salisbury and Return
- 10. 24th June, King's Cross Great Yarmouth and Return
- 11. 9th July, Victoria Portsmouth and Return
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75th Anniversary of the Windrush Generation. Featuring the Empire Windrush and a Tilbury special postmark.

BCN072 £12.50







3rd February

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BCFL27 £12.50



26th June

BCFL28

£20

75th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, RAF Oakington, Cambridge special postmark.

6th September

75th Anniversary of John Derry Breaking the Sound Barrier.

BCFL29 £12.50







2nd June

Platinum Jubilee of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

BCE45 £12.50



26th April

BCE43

Centenary of the Royal Wedding of Prince Albert, Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon in 1923, who would become King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

14th November

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BC529AS £25

'Long To Reign Over Us'
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London SWI postmark (9
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Queen Elizabeth II



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VCC001 £90

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VC signed
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Martin, test pilot

VCH008 £125 £25 per month over 5 months

Ali Haidar VC signed 1970 National Army Museum



Group 5 No 4 The Sutlej Medal cover

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Lest We Forget Miniature Sheet cover with London SWI postmark (6 November 2008), signed by Willie Apiata VC



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Gerard Norton VC signed 1996 Victory cover listing the WWII South African winners

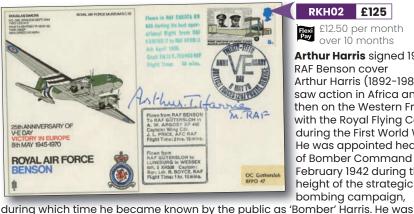




Institution of the Victoria Cross 130th anniversary set of three cards signed by Quentin Smythe VC, Umrao Singh VC, Richard Annand VC, Pat Porteous VC, Henry Foote VC, Roden Cutler VC & Ganju Lama VC

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Quentin Smythe VC signed 1970 National Army Museum Group 5 No 2 The Victoria Cross cover



RKH02 £125

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Arthur Harris signed 1970 RAF Benson cover Arthur Harris (1892-1984) saw action in Africa and then on the Western Front with the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War. He was appointed head of Bomber Command in February 1942 during the bombing campaign,

height of the strategic

tasked by Churchill to implement the 'area bombing' strategy of

German cities & oversaw new tactics & technology

to perform the policy.



RYD617LP £50

RAF

David Shannon signed 1986 RAF Fairey Hendon bomber, 38 Squadron 70th anniversary cover. Dambuster pilot of bomber SJ-L which was the first aircraft of the first wave to attack Eder Dam.



BCC106S1 £75

Martin Withers, Neil McDougall & John Reeve

signed RAF 90th anniversary cover with a official RAF tribute medallion plus both a GB, Gibraltar & Isle of Man stamp

> BCC106S £25

Above cover with GB and Gibraltar stamps signed Michelle Goodman



RYB039B £100

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Maurice Buckmaster signed 1970 VE Day 25th anniversary, RAF Benson cover.



RYD004F £150 Fex £25 per month over 6 months

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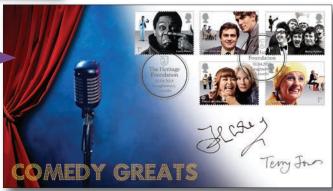
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15th September 2005 Classic ITV - 50th Anniversary of ITV - The Two Ronnies TV Times Official cover. With a London special postmark. Signed by Ronnie Barker & Ronnie Corbett.

BC521AS5 £160

£80 per month over 2 months

1st April 2015 Comedy Greats. Heritage Foundation, Laughterton, Lincoln postmark. Signed by Python members John Cleese & Terry Jones.





BC652S1 £175

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16th February 2021 40 Years of Only Fools and Horses. Mandela House, Peckham postmark. Signed by Sir David Jason, Del Boy.



BC633S4 £150

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