



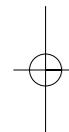
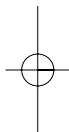
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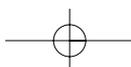
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Royal Mail, Mount Pleasant, Farringdon Road, LONDON, EC1A 1BB.

Northern England Special Handstamp Centre

South Shields D.O., Keppell Street, SOUTH SHIELDS, NE33 1AA.

Midland Special Handstamp Centre

Birmingham Mail Centre, St Stephens Street, BIRMINGHAM, B6 4AA.

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Royal Mail, 220-228 Penarth Road, CARDIFF, CF11 8TA.

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Phone Enquiries

If you have an enquiry about the postmark information or other contents of this Bulletin then please contact us on 0845 071 2000. If you are enquiring about covers, which you have sent for postmarking, then please contact 0845 071 2000 where our customer care team will be pleased to help and arrange for a replacement if necessary.

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To sponsor a special handstamp contact Handstamp Liaison, Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB. Telephone: 0845 071 2000.

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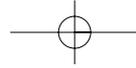
If you wish to have a British Forces Postmark affixed to any philatelic items, please now send your covers to the following address – Midland SHC, Birmingham Mail Centre, St Stephens Street, Birmingham B6 4AA

SPECIAL HANDSTAMPS - COLOURS OF INK

Sponsors of special handstamps may, for an additional fee, have the handstamps on their own covers applied in coloured inks. Unless otherwise stated in this Bulletin, covers sent in under the reposting service will have the postmarks applied in black ink. Indication of the use of any coloured inks will be given and readers interested in acquiring covers bearing these coloured postmarks should contact the sponsor for further information.

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL HANDSTAMPS

Items for reposting, individually addressed and bearing at least the first class postage rate, should be sent to the reposting address given. To ensure prompt handling please mark the outer cover 'Special Handstamp' and state the serial number(s) of the handstamp(s) required. On the first day of issue of new stamps items not clearly marked will receive the 'First Day of Issue' cancellation. The outer cover must bear normal postage and only those items bearing the postmark on or before the date of the special handstamp will be eligible for the cancellation. Collectors who want their covers/cards returned under cover after handstamping should enclose a suitable self-addressed envelope. This need not bear additional postage stamps, the postage being already paid by the stamp affixed to the covers for postmarking. The handstamp illustrations in this bulletin are approximately full size; we regret we cannot guarantee that the actual postmark impressions will be the same size as the illustrations. The handstamps are announced in sections for each of the Special Handstamp Centres, and where relevant Royal Mail Tallents House, Forces Post Office, and other handstamping places. They are shown in date order with the name and address of the sponsor given at the end of each section.



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LONDON SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

Reposting Address: London SHC, Royal Mail, Mount Pleasant, Farringdon Road,
LONDON EC1A 1BB



12645 - 27 July



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12650 - 27 July



12651 - 7 August

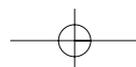


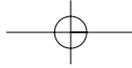
12203
27 July 2012 - 26 July 2013

Please note that running Handstamp 12203 will be continue for a further year.

Sponsors:

- 12645 - Royal Mail, 35-50 Rathbone Place, London W1T 1HQ
- 12646 - Benham Collectibles Ltd., Unit K Concept Court, Shearway Business Park, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4RG
- 12647 - Benham Collectibles Ltd., Unit K Concept Court, Shearway Business Park, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4RG
- 12648 - Benham Collectibles Ltd., Unit K Concept Court, Shearway Business Park, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4RG
- 12649 - Benham Collectibles Ltd., Unit K Concept Court, Shearway Business Park, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4RG
- 12650 - Benham Collectibles Ltd., Unit K Concept Court, Shearway Business Park, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4RG
- 12651 - Buckingham Covers Ltd., Warren House, Shearway Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4BF
- 12203 - Royal Mail, 35-50 Rathbone Place, London W1T 1HQ





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MIDLAND SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

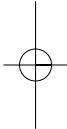
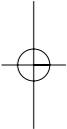
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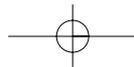


12652 - 27 July

Sponsor:

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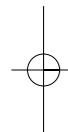
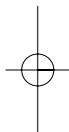




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FORTHCOMING STAMP PROGRAMME

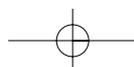
Tuesday 10th January 2012 - Roald Dahl
Thursday 2nd February 2012 – The House of Windsor
Thursday 23rd February 2012 – Britons of Distinction
Thursday 8th March 2012 – Classic Locomotives of Scotland
Tuesday 20th March 2012 – Comics
Tuesday 10th April 2012 – UK A-Z Part 2
Tuesday 15th May 2012 – Great British Fashion
Thursday 31st May 2012 – The Diamond Jubilee
Tuesday 19th June 2012 – Charles Dickens
Friday 27th July 2012 – Olympic Games Welcome
Wednesday 29th August 2012 – Paralympic Games Welcome
Thursday 27th September 2012 – Olympic & Paralympic Games Memories
Tuesday 16th October 2012 – Dinosaurs
Tuesday 30th October 2012 – Space Science
Tuesday 6th November 2012 – Christmas



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Please forward all Philatelic Permanent Postmarks and Tallents House Postmarks to the following address, Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9PB.

Please continue to forward all sponsored postmarks to the Midland SHC, Birmingham Mail Centre, St Stephens Street, BIRMINGHAM, B6 4AA.





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SOCIETY CONTACTS

Association of GB First Day Cover Collectors

The Association publishes an informative Newsletter, organises meetings and auctions. For details of Association pub meetings at The Ship & Shovel, Craven Passage, London WC2 contact Richard Park, 2 Chaffinch Close, Horsham RH12 5HA, Tel 01403 241825 (before 10pm), or e-mail rjpark@btinternet.com For details of meetings at The Bowling Green Pub, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire contact Joseph Adam Bevan on 07969 311 003 or 0121 477 9924 (weekdays 7-10pm). For details of Association membership contact Terry Barnett, 7 Mackets Lane, Hunts Cross, Liverpool L25 0QA or see www.gbfdc.co.uk

British Postmark Society

The Society was founded in 1958, and its Journal is essential reading for all serious collectors of British postmarks, old and modern. The BPS runs a Printed Postage Impression Study Circle for collectors interested in PPI markings, first introduced in 1966. A separate 'P.P.I. and Junk Mail' Newsletter is published. For BPS membership details contact John Strachan, 12 Dunavon Park, Strathaven ML10 6LP, or see website www.britishpostmarksociety.org.uk The well-designed website includes details of 11 highly useful BPS publications still available. These cover special event postmarks (special handstamps), slogans, and skeleton and First Day of Issue postmarks. For details of the PPI Study Circle contact Keith Downing, 16 Caves Lane, Bedford MK40 3DR

Postal Mechanisation Study Circle

The PMSC's monthly Newsletter includes numerous reports of value to collectors of postal mechanisation material in the UK and worldwide. For full details of the PMSC and its activities, contact Jeremy Meal, 41 Delfur Road, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2HG, e-mail Jeremy.meal@btinternet.com

Great Britain Philatelic Society

The Society, founded in 1955, caters for serious collectors of GB stamps, particularly the older issues. It publishes a prestigious magazine, The GB Journal, and a highly informative and readable Newsletter, both of which sometimes include features of interest to postmark collectors. For details of GBPS membership and activities contact Peter Tanner, Highstandings, 13 St Hubert's Close, Gerrards Cross SL9 7EN, or visit www.gbps.org.uk

The TPO & Seapost Society

This Society's journal includes interesting features on British Paquebot and TPO postmarks and a catalogue for the next Society Auction. For details of membership and activities contact J Bartlett, Woodrich, Quarry Lane, Gorsley, Ross-on-Wye HR9 7SJ, or see the Society's website: www.tpo-seapost.org.uk

Railway Philatelic Group

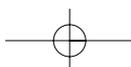
The RPG, founded in 1966, caters for collectors of railway letter and parcel stamps, railway postmarks, and postage stamps with a railway theme. For details of the RPG and its activities contact F W Taylor, 5 Garth Lane, Widdrington, Morpeth NE61 5EN, Tel 01670 760 252.

Welsh Philatelic Society

The Society publishes an excellent Newsletter, with features on Welsh postmarks past and present, and holds regular meetings, including a popular annual weekend. The subscription is £9 (senior citizens £7) UK, £11 overseas. For details contact the Secretary G N Prior, 20 Heol y Sheet, North Cornelly, Bridgend CF33 4EY or see the WPS website: <http://www.wps.wales.org>

East Anglian Postal History Study Circle

Members of the Study Circle collect and study the postmarks and postal history of Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk. Their findings are published in 'Eastern Angle', an informative and well-produced journal, ably edited by Barry R Reynolds. For details of the Study Circle contact the Secretary: John J W Copeland, 20 The Vale, Brentwood, Essex CM15 4UP.



*British Postmark Bulletin - 41/14 - 13 July 2012***PERMANENT PHILATELIC POSTMARKS**

The following pictorial postmarks are provided by Royal Mail for philatelic mail and can be obtained under the reposting service by sending covers/cards bearing at least 1st class postage to the relevant Special Handstamp Centre (SHC). Please quote the reference number given. The addresses of the SHCs are given elsewhere in this Bulletin. Eight of the handstamps are illustrated here.

<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>SHC</i>
4640	Bath	London
4641	Belfast	Scotland & N Ireland
4642	Birmingham	Midlands
4643	Brighton	London
4644	Bristol	Wales & West
4645	Cambridge	London
4646	Canterbury	London
5097	Cardiff	Wales & West
4648	Chester	Wales & West
4649	Colchester	London
4650	Coventry	Midlands
4651	Croydon	London
4652	Durham	Northern England
4653	Edinburgh	Scotland & N Ireland
4654	Exeter	Wales & West
4655	Gatwick	London
4656	Glasgow	Scotland & N Ireland
4657	Gloucester	Midlands
4658	Grimsby	Northern England
4659	Guildford	London
4660	Harrogate	Northern England
4661	Leeds	Northern England
4662	Leicester	Midlands
4663	Liverpool	Northern England
4664	London EC	London
4665	London EC3	London
4666	London SW	London
11067	London SW1	London
4667	London WC	London
4668	Manchester	Northern England
4669	Newcastle Upon Tyne	Northern England
4670	Norwich	London
4671	Nottingham	Midlands
4672	Oxford	London
4673	Plymouth	Wales & West
4674	Portsmouth	London
4675	Romford	London
4676	Southampton	London
4677	Southend on Sea	London
5096	Stevenage	London
4678	Stratford upon Avon	Midlands
4679	Truro	Wales & West
4680	Windsor	London
4681	York	Northern England

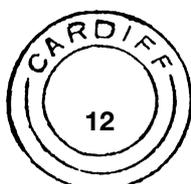


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PERMANENT PHILATELIC POSTMARKS



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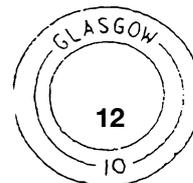
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Special handstamps in permanent use for tourist/philatelic mailings. These are illustrated above with reposting number and addresses to which cards/covers should be sent for reposting. Cards/covers must bear at least the 1st class postage rate.

No 6036, 9568, 10056 - London SHC, Royal Mail, Mount Pleasant, LONDON EC1A 1BB

No 6038 - Wales & West SHC, Royal Mail, Penarth Road, CARDIFF CF11 8TA

Nos 4414, 6039-42, 7667 - Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB

Readers are reminded that Royal Mail provides operational style datestamps for London EC (No 4178), London SW (4179), Heathrow Airport (4180), Birmingham (4181), Stratford-Upon-Avon (4182), Newcastle-Upon-Tyne (4183), York (4184), Edinburgh (4185), Glasgow (4186), Belfast (4187), Carrickfergus (4188), Windsor (4177), Slough-Windsor (4189), Cardiff (5107) and Caernarfon (4191). These were shown on page 10 of the 4 February 2011 Bulletin.

Please note that running postmarks 12120 – Concorde Filton Bristol and 12117 London SW1 will continue for an additional year.