

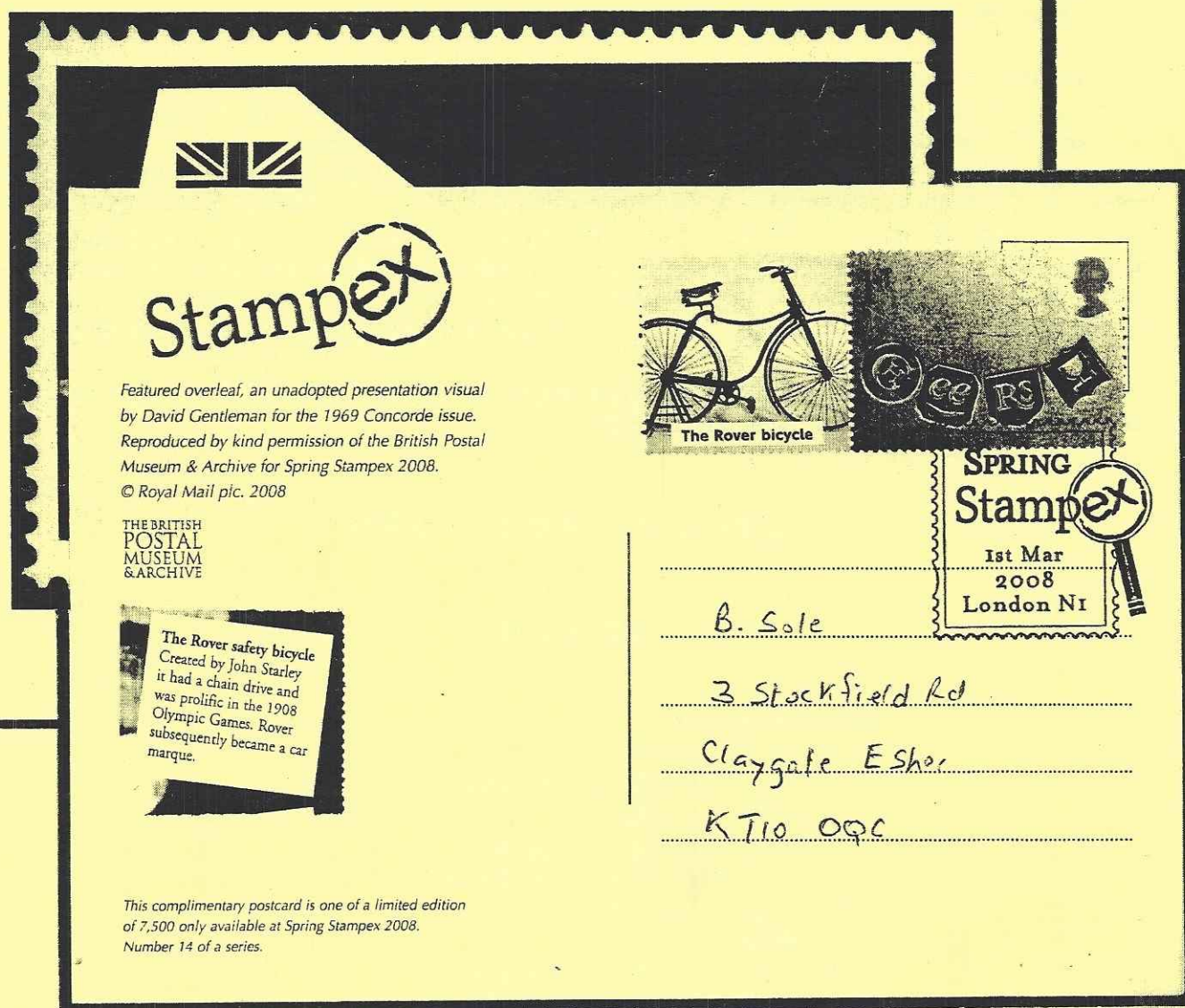
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COSTA RICA	?	240 C	SHANGHAI SPECIAL OLYMPICS - CYCLING LOGO (NOTE GAMES HELD FROM 2 TO 11 OCTOBER 2007 - HAVE ISSUE DATE OF 10.03.08 WHICH NEEDS CONFIRMING)	1+SE-TEN STRIP+ SHEETLET	63-13
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GREECE	09.09.03	MAXI-CARD	OLYMPIC GAMES - ATHENS 2004: MIND & BODY - CYCLING	5 + SHT + MAXI-CARD	
GREECE	?	SHEETLET	2007 BICYCLE TOUR OF ATHENS - STAMPS OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - STYLISED BICYCLE ON SELVEDGE - GREEK PRINTING ON LABELS ATTACHED TO EACH STAMP MAY TRANSLATE TO " BICYCLE TOUR OF ATHENS 2007"	SHEETLET	61-18
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ISLE OF MAN	21.04.08	5 P	BEIJING OLYMPICS - ONE WORLD ONE DREAM - TRACK CYCLIST	4+MS	63-9
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ITALY	?	POST CARD	90 TH GIRO - d'ITALIA - CARD ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE 90TH TOUR - CARD EXISTS WITH CANCELS FOR EACH STAGE	1	61-8
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MALTA	10.01.07	€ 0.05	TOYS - TRICYCLE	5	63-13
PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY	?	1000 FILS	ROAD RACING CYCLISTS	1+MS	60-COVER



PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY	?	MS	MINIATURE SHEET CONTAINS ABOVE STAMP AND CYCLISTS ON SELVEDGE (MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE 100 YEARS OF SCOUTS - AS HAS SCOUT EMBLEM AT BOTTOM LEFT CORNER)	1+MS	60-COVER 
PHILIPPINES	02.01.08	SS	PHILIPPINES - FRANCE FRIENDSHIP SOUVENIR SHEET - 60 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS - CYCLIST	1	63-5
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UNITED STATES	03.04.03	MAXI CARD	OLD GLORY PRESTIGE BOOKLET UNCLE SAM RIDING A HIGH WHEELER	5+B+M/	
VENEZUELA	?	1.700 Bs	POSTAL SERVICES - EXERCISE BIKE	10 + SHT	59-11

1. Undated issues will remain on this list or the " Issue Information Update" list, until such time as a date of issue is established.
2. Issues marked * have been corrected or have additional information, the additional or corrected information is underlined.
3. Issues marked  are deemed to be fake, ie not stamps only Cinderellas, therefore they will not have a date of issue.
4. Additions to the list are indicated by a heavy solid left-hand border to the country's name box.
5. Issues that appear on this list for over a year are moved to the "Issue Information Update" list.
6. The last column shows where the stamp is illustrated, with BS number, followed by page number.
7. POSTAL CARDS are those cards that include the stamp or prepaid indicia printed on it.
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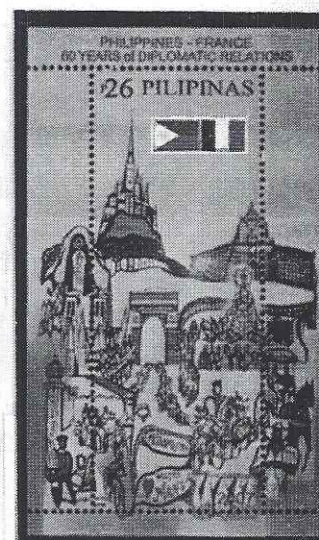


CHINA -
TAIWAN -

09.11.07



FRENCH POLYNESIA - 26.09.07



PHILIPPINES - 02.01.08

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Beijing Olympic Games

Post has unveiled some of the Country's new stadiums built for the 2008 Olympic Game China s on a set of six stamps and a miniature sheet issued on 20 December 2007.

The 80f. stamp shows the China Agricultural University Gymnasium (capacity 6000) which is due for completion in August 2008 and will host the Olympic wrestling competition. There are 4x 1.20 y stamps. The round stadium is the Laoshan Velodrome which will feature the cycling events, This stadium also has a 6000 capacity and was started in 2004 and completed recently. The stadium with the curved roof is the National Indoor Stadium which was commenced in 2005 and will host gymnastics, trampoline, and handball competitions. It has an 8000 capacity.



The rectangular stadium is one of the most striking of the new buildings, it is the National Aquatics Centre and will host the swimming, diving and the synchronised swimming. It is clad in blue panels which look very spectacular when lit up. It is know as the 'Water Cube' and has a capacity of 11,000. Following a more traditional Chinese design is the Peking (it has retained its old name) University Gymnasium where the table tennis competition will be held. Work on the stadium commenced in 2005 and it has 6000 seats. The 3y. stamp features the Qindao Sailing Centre which is located on the southern coastline of the Shandong Peninsula, in east China. It is still under construction.



The main stadium of the Beijing Olympic games is the National Stadium shown on a 6y. miniature sheet. This fantastic building was designed by a Swiss firm, Herzog & de Meuron Architekten AG, in collaboration with the China Architecture Design & Research Group and constructed of 36 kilometres of flat steel girders giving it the look of a bird's nest and it is now known as the 'Bird's Nest Stadium'. It has a capacity of 91,000 and will host the Olympic opening and closing ceremonies, the track and field athletics competitions and the Olympic football tournament and will in future feature other major championships.



The stamps and miniature sheet were designed by Wang Huming and printed in photogravure by the Beijing Postage Stamp Printing House.

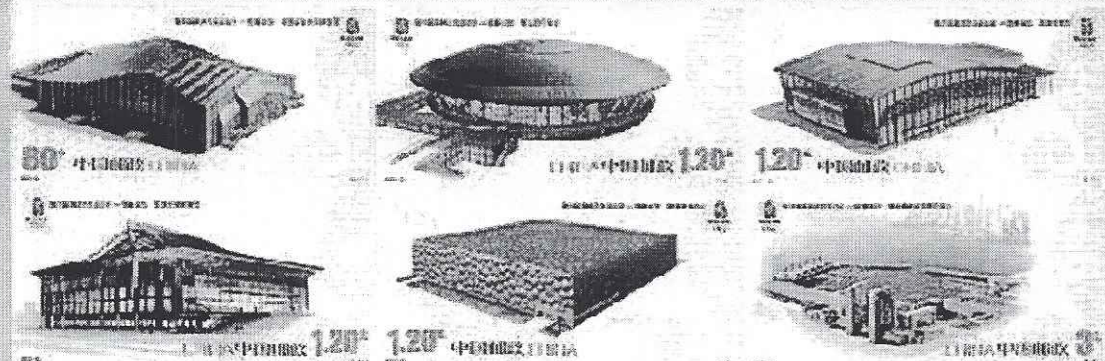


2008年奥运会



第29届奥林匹克运动会——竞赛场馆

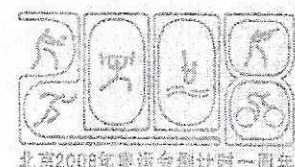
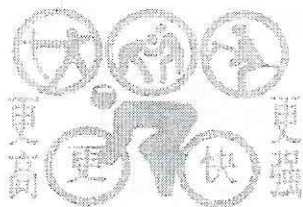
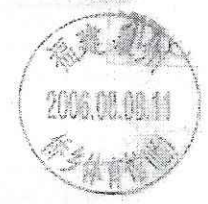
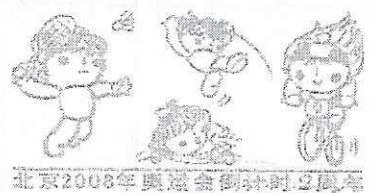
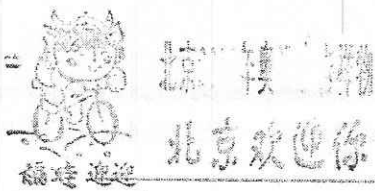
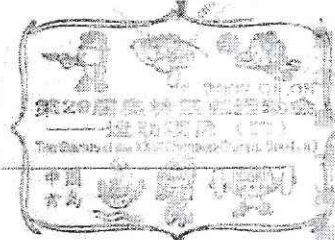
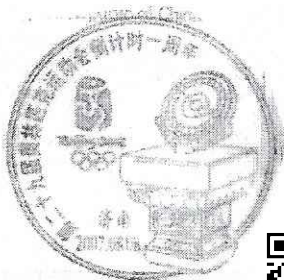
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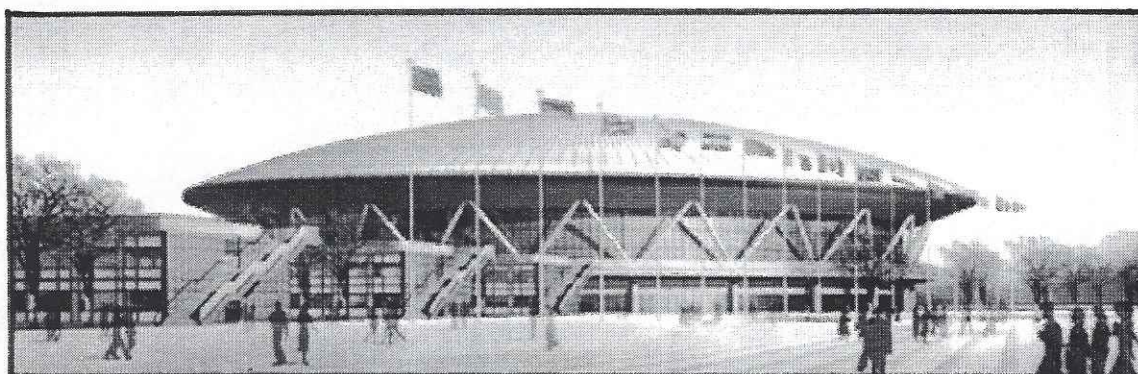
CHINA - BEIJING OLYMPICS VENUES - SHEET



BEIJING 2008 PICTORIAL CANCELS



CHINA - BEIJING OLYMPICS VENUES - SHEET WITH LABELS



CHINA - BEIJING OLYMPICS VENUES - LAOSHAN VELODROME

Beijing Olympics 2008 stamp issue – 21st April 2008



To celebrate the Beijing Olympics, Isle of Man Post Office is pleased to issue a miniature sheet of stamps depicting three of the Olympic sports – cycling, horse riding, archery and the Olympic flame.

This year sees Beijing hosting the 2008 Summer Olympic Games, officially known as the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, from August 8 to August 24, 2008. Athletes will compete in 302 events in 28 sports, just one event more than was on the schedule of the Athens games of 2004.

With the equestrian events being held in Hong Kong, this marks the second time the same edition of the Olympic Games has been hosted by two National Olympic Committees. The Olympic Games were awarded to Beijing, People's Republic of China on July 13, 2001. The mascots of Beijing 2008 are the five Fuwa, each representing one colour of the Olympic rings. The Olympic slogan, One World, One Dream, calls upon the world to unite in the Olympic spirit.

It's unprecedented that an Island as small as the Isle of Man is home to such sporting excellence particularly in cycling. Mark Cavendish, who features on one of the stamps, rides for the British Cycling Team and has just won the World Madison Championship with Bradley Wiggins. His debut year as a professional racing cyclist came in 2007 when he took the sport by storm, winning 13 races. The multi-talented rider has already won medals on the track at world level and, without doubt, he is the sportsman to watch over the coming years. He made his track debut for Great Britain in the 2004 Moscow World Cup and as a road cyclist, he has quickly risen to prominence as a sprinter. Cavendish now splits his time living and training between Manchester and Tuscany, Italy.

But it's not just Cavendish who has a success story; two other Manx cyclists, Peter Kennaugh and Johnny Bellis, are following in Mark's footsteps and have already made their mark on the international cycling circuit. Mark Christian and Christopher Whorral are part of the Great Britain Cycling Team's Olympic Development Programme (ODP). A key part of the development of riders who will hopefully one day win medals for their country at Olympic level is to provide a seamless pathway from one programme to the next.

Technical Details

Illustrations... Pobjoy Mint Studio
Design... Solus Strategic Limited
Text... Sir David Wilson
Stamp Size... 36mm x 36mm
Printer... Lowe Martin
Format sheets... Sheets of 25
Colours... 5
Process... Offset Lithography
Perforations... 14 per 2cm
Paper... 106gms Tullis Russell PVA gummed
Date of Issue... 21st April 2008

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Miniature sheet... £1.00
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GRANDPARENTS DAY

ITALY - 02.10.2007



Date of issue
Denomination
Print run
Design

October 2nd 2007

€ 0.60

Three million, five hundred thousand copies

Features a stylised drawing of a grandfather pushing his grandson on a tricycle and, in the background, a grandmother helping her granddaughter on roller skates.

The words "W I NONNI" (Long live grandparent are shown in the centre. The words "FESTA NAZIONALE DEI NONNI" (NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' DAY), "ITALIA", and the denomination "€ 0.60" complete the stamp

Angelo Merenda

Officina Carte Valori - Istituto Poligrafico e Zecca dello State S.p.A.,
rotogravure

Five plus clear-gold interference ink

Fluorescent, non-watermarked

40mm x 30mm

36mm x 26mm

13 x 13¼

Fifty stamps. denomination - "€ 30.00"

Designer
Printer



Colours
Paper
Paper size
Print size
Perforation
Sheet



PHILATELIC POSTCARD

BELGIUM - 11.02.08 - TOYS

Date d'émission

11 02 2008

Jouets (timbres autocollants)



Caractéristiques:

Thème: Jouets (voiture de sport, landau, poupée, avion, cheval de bois, tram, diabolo, nounours, toupie, trotinette)

Création: Jean Libert

Présentation: Carnet de 10 timbres-poste

Valeur des timbres: ① ou € 0,54

Format des timbres: 30 mm x 25 mm

Format du carnet: 60 mm x 166 mm

Procédé d'impression: héliogravure

Papier: polyvalent phosphorescent, auto-adhésif fixé sur un papier support

Gravure (cylindres porte-forme): DE SCHUTTER'NEROC nv

Impression: La Poste, Imprimerie du timbre (Mechelen)

Code: PZZK08B51*

* Inclus dans l'abonnement aux timbres-poste

Vente: à partir du 11 février 2008 dans les bureaux de poste

Prévente: le 9 février 2008 de 10 à 16h30 à l'adresse suivante:



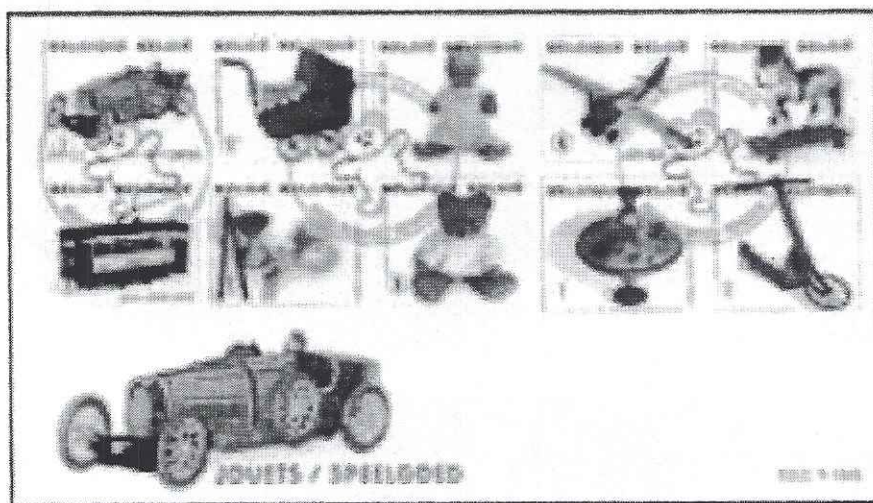
Cultureel- en Ontspanningscentrum
Nieuwe Brugstraat
9600 Ronse

Oblitération 1^{er} jour:



le 11 février 2008 de 9 à 17h
à la Philaboutique, Bruxelles-De Brouckère,
Boulevard Anspach 1 à 1000 Bruxelles.

Rencontre avec: Jean Libert, le 9 février de 10 à 16h30 à Ronse.



BELGIUM - 11.02.08 - TOYS - FDC

SPRING 2008

Stampex

The British National Stamp Exhibition

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The Flying Scotsman
The first steam locomotive to be built in Britain and the first to be built in the 21st century. It was built in 1925 and is now the fastest steam locomotive in the world.

The Airbus A380
The world's largest passenger aircraft. It was first flown in 2005 and is now the largest aircraft in the world.

The Model T Ford
The first mass-produced automobile. It was first sold in 1908 and is now the most popular car in the world.

The Rover safety bicycle
The first safety bicycle. It was first sold in 1885 and is now the most popular bicycle in the world.

The USS Los Angeles
The first submarine. It was first built in 1900 and is now the oldest submarine in the world.

The Flying Scotsman

Airbus A380

The Model T Ford

The Rover bicycle

USS Los Angeles

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M4 Hercules flyingboat

The Mini

RMS Mauretania

Transrapid maglev

Henri Farman

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The M4 Hercules flyingboat
The first flyingboat. It was first built in 1913 and is now the largest flyingboat in the world.

The Mini
The first mass-produced car. It was first sold in 1959 and is now the most popular car in the world.

The RMS Mauretania
The first ocean liner. It was first built in 1906 and is now the oldest ocean liner in the world.

Transrapid maglev
The first maglev train. It was first built in 1984 and is now the fastest maglev train in the world.

Henri Farman
The first airplane. It was first built in 1908 and is now the oldest airplane in the world.

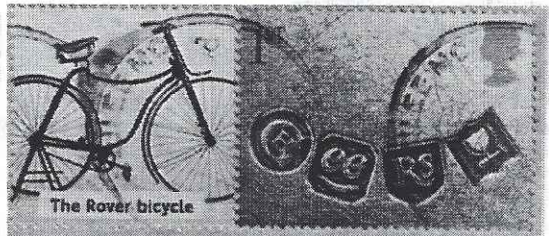
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GREAT BRITAIN - 01.03.08
SPRING STAMPEx - SHEET

USED 1ST CLASS STAMP
WITH LABEL





COSTA RICA -?- SHANGHAI SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2007



COSTA RICA -?- SHANGHAI SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2007 - SHEETLET



MALTA - 10.01.07
TOYS



CYPRUS - TURKISH
CYPRIOT POSTS - 21.01.07



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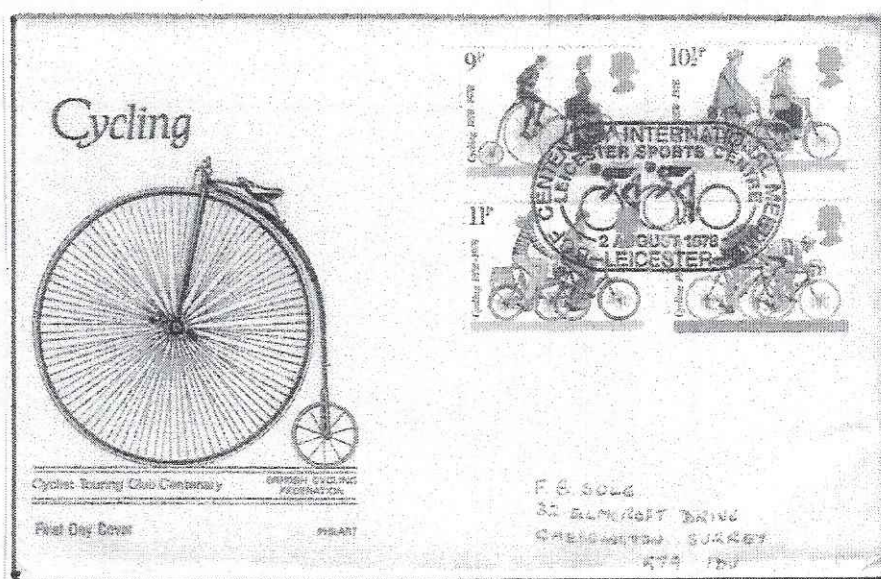
Centenaries of Cyclists' Touring Club & British Cycling Federation GB Stamp issue 2 Aug 78

OFFICIAL SPECIAL EVENT POSTMARKS

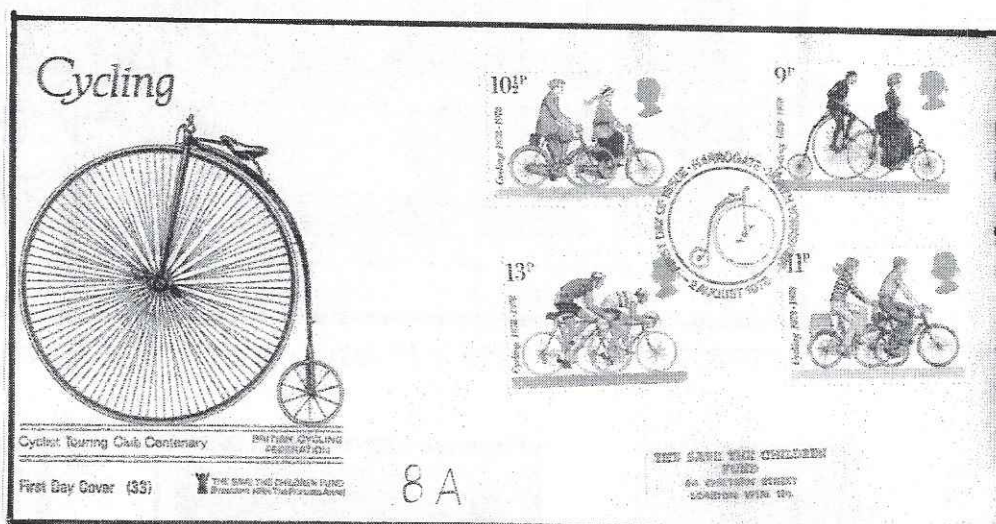
Prepared for "Bicycle Stamps" By Brian Sole

Part 2 - OTHER COMMERCIAL FIRST DAY COVERS

8. Philart First Day Cover. The illustration on the left of the cover is of a penny-farthing cycle with the word "Cycling" above, and below, between 2 narrow double lines "Cyclist Touring Club Centenary and British Cycling Federation". The Special handstamp no 4 (see Pt 1 in BS 61), has been applied to the stamp.



8A. As above but with additional wording alongside the printed "First Day Cover" — "(33) THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND (President HRH The Princess Anne)" and addressed to The Save the Children Fund, with special handstamp as in 5 (see Pt 1 in BS 61) above.

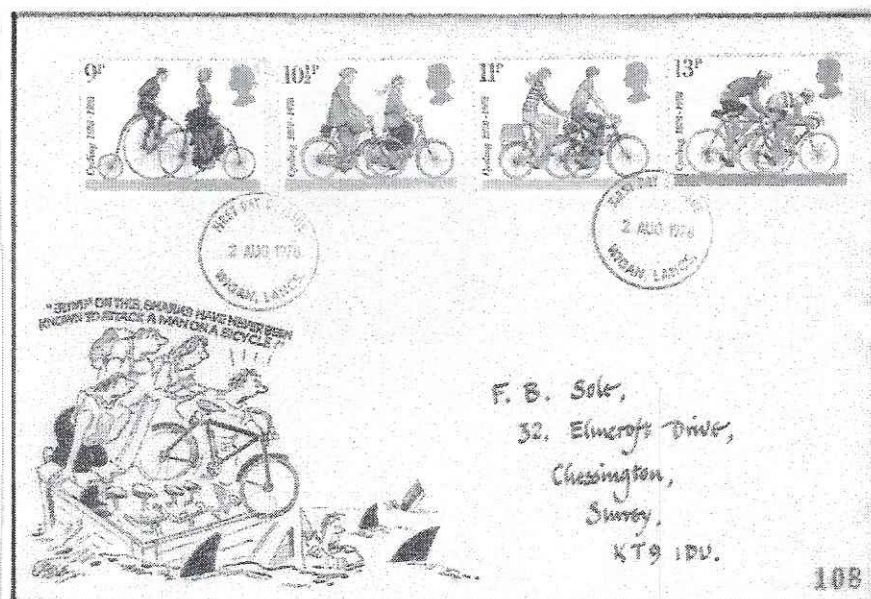


9. British Forces Official First Day Cover. There are 3 small illustrations of a ship, aeroplane and a tank. The 4th illustration has the wording "British Forces" and "Postal Service" each side of the badge worn by the Postal Service staff.

The circular postmark reads "BRITISH FORCES POST OFFICE BERLIN -1- 2 AUG 78".



10 Humorous cover by Bill Tidy with the circular postmark "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE 2 AUG 1978 WIGAN, LANCS".

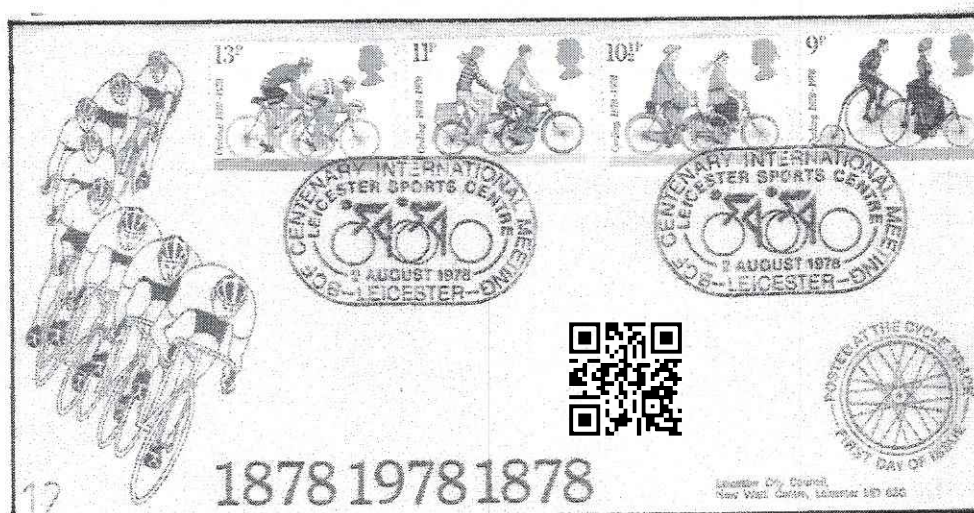


11. Cotswold First Day Cover with pre-printed illustration is of a cyclist wearing a Union Jack, holding his arms wide, and the words "GLASGOW TO LONDON AUGUST 7-12 1978". The cyclist is encircled by a red band with the words "PROFESSIONAL TOUR OF BRITAIN TI RALEIGH". The cancellation reads "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE -2 AUG 1978 LONDON E.C."



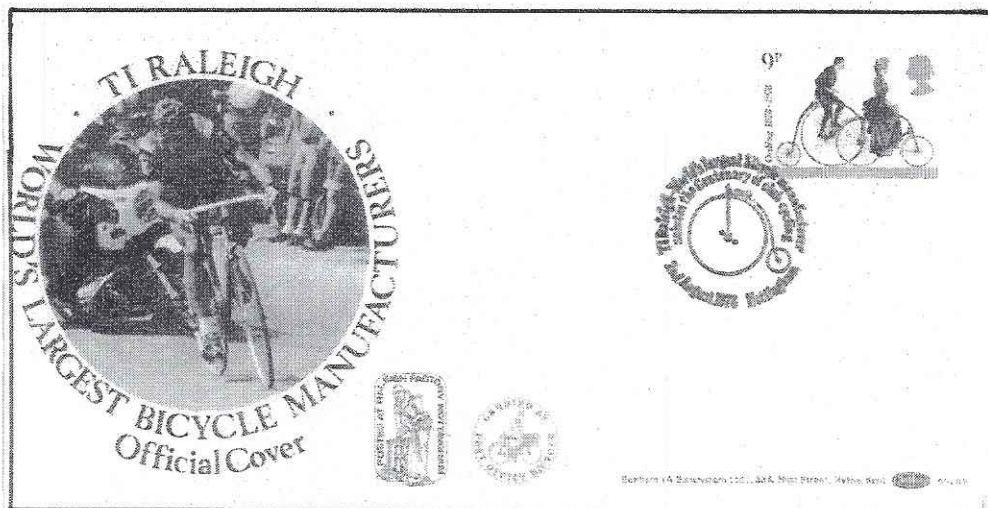
12. Leicester City Council First Day Cover. 8 track cyclists are shown, one behind the other and the dates "1878 1978 1878" with a cachet "POSTED AT THE CYCLE TRACK FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" around a cycle wheel with spokes.

The special handstamp is described in 4. (see Pt 1 in BS 61).



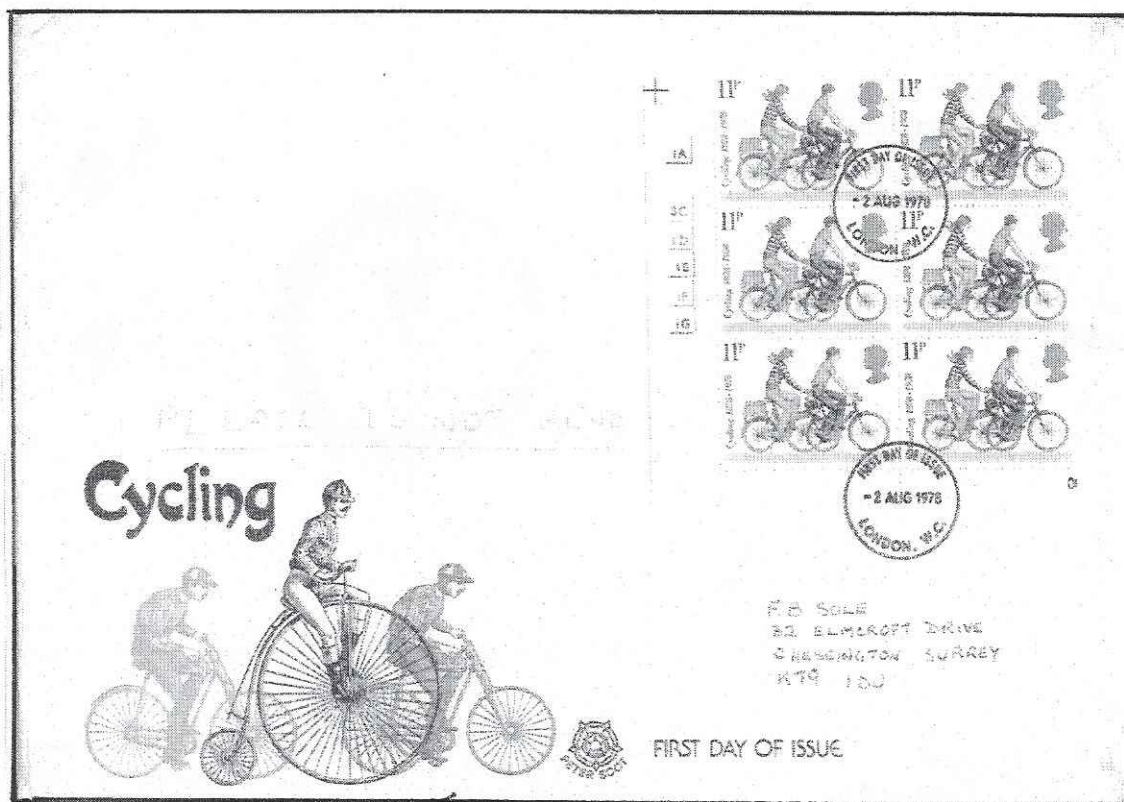
13. Benham Official Cover with a colored illustration of a racing cyclist and part of a motorcycle behind, surrounded by the wording "TI RALEIGH WORLD'S LARGEST BICYCLE MANUFACTURER" and two cachets "Posted at Raleigh Factory Nottingham" and "Carried by Post Office Bicycle" around illustration of a postman on his bicycle, in pink.

The Special Handstamp is described in 1 (see Pt 1 BS 61).



14. Peter Scot larger First Day of Issue cover with the word "Cycling" in black and illustrations of 3 old time cyclists.

The cancellation is a single ring "First Day of Issue 2 Aug 1978 London W.C."



15 — 19 . A set of 5 covers, designed by Fleetwood, Cheyenne Wyoming U.S.A.

In addition to the illustrations on the front, information appropriate to the stamp, is provided on the back of each cover.

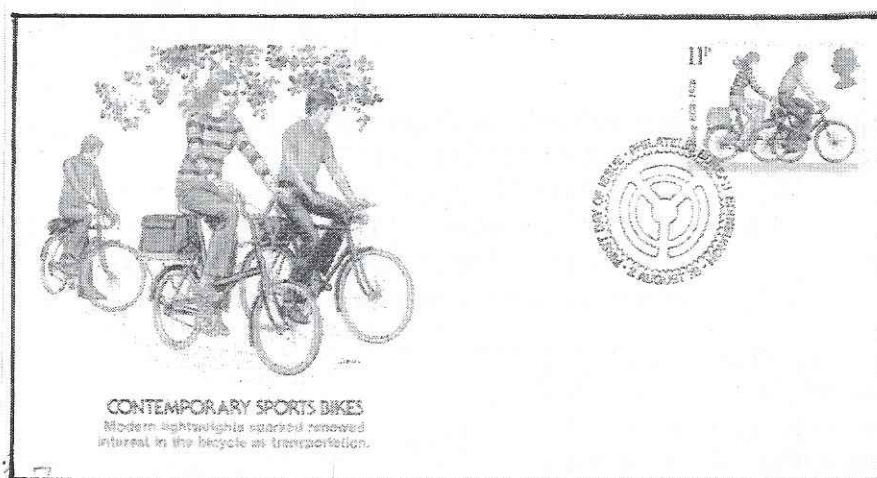
15. The 9p stamp is cancelled at Harrogate, with an illustration of a penny-farthing entitled "Early Bicycles";



16. The 10 1/4 p stamp is cancelled at Coventry West Midlands with an illustration entitled "1930s Tourers";



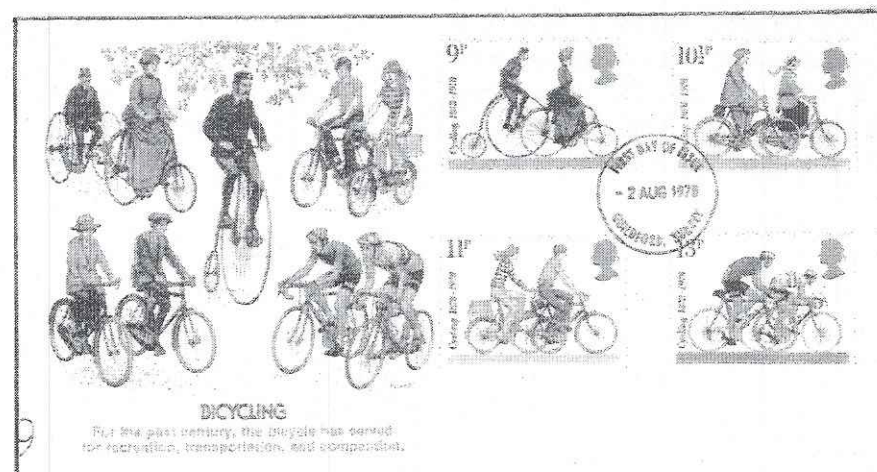
17. The 11p stamp is cancelled at Philatelic Bureau Edinburgh with an illustration entitled "Contemporary Sports Bikes";

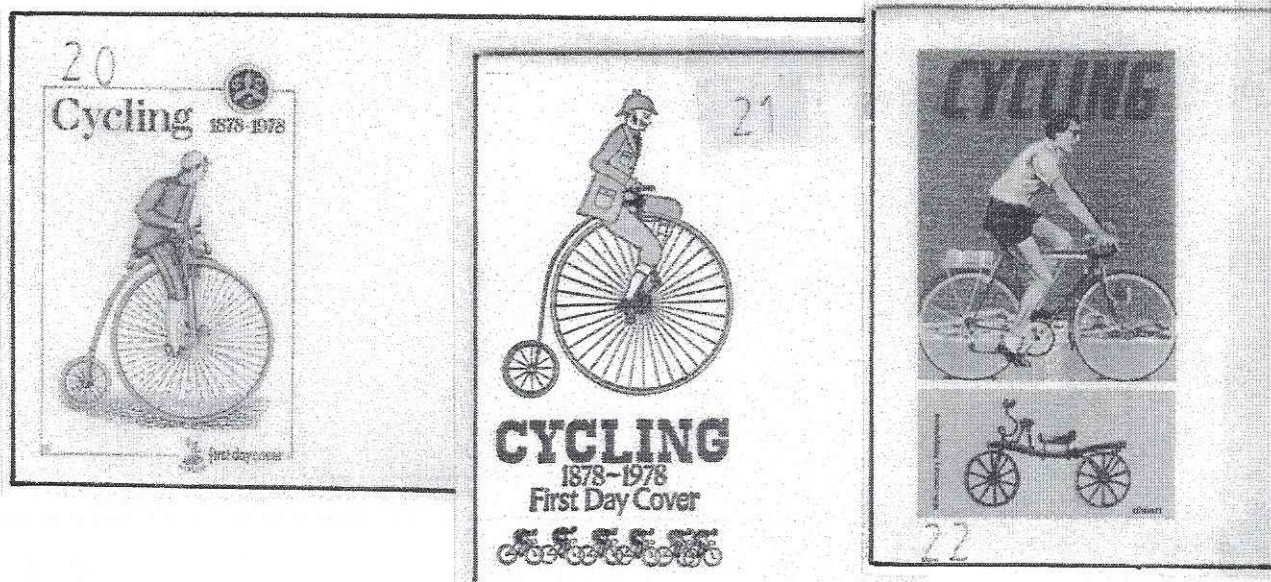


18. The 13p is cancelled at Fylde Blackpool with an illustration entitled "Competition Bicycles".



19. The 5th envelope has a full set of the bicycle stamps cancelled, "First Day of Issue 2 August 1978 Guildford Surrey" and an illustration featuring all 4 types of bicycles and the heading "Bicycling".





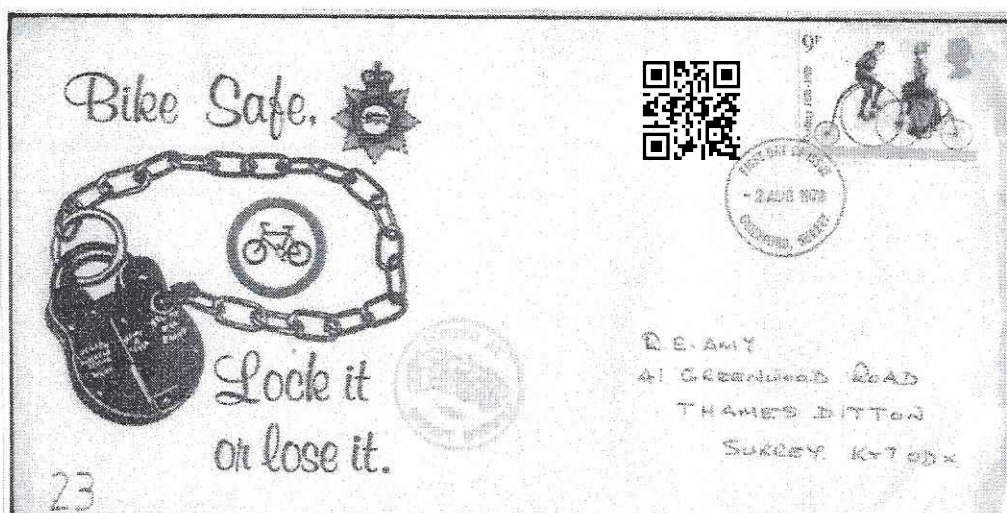
20. An unused Mercury First Day Cover with an illustration of a man astride a penny-farthing bicycle with the words "Cycling 1878-1978" and the C.T.C. logo.

21. An unused First Day Cover with no indication of the producer. The illustration is of a cyclist in typical Club Cyclist attire of 1878, astride a Penny-farthing bicycle.

22. An unused Philart cover with an illustration of a modern tourist on a bicycle above a smaller illustration, with the words "19th-century hobbyhorse".

23. A souvenir cover issued by the Police Service, with an insert containing a message from Peter J Matthews Chief Constable of Surrey. A padlock and chain surrounding a red ring with an outline of a bicycle in the centre, are illustrated, plus wording "Bike Safe, lock it or lose it".

There is a circular green cachet with the words



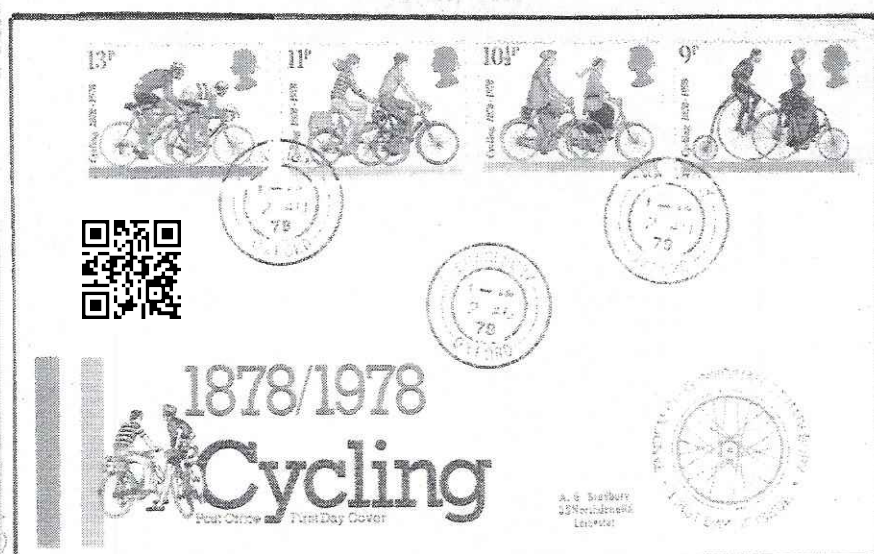
"Posted at Mount Browne" and the cancellation "First day of Issue — 2 Aug 1978 Guildford, Surrey."

POST OFFICE FIRST DAY COVERS WITH CACHETS

24. A cover prepared by A G Bradbury with cachet in blue "The Cyclists' Memorial Meriden First Day of Issue" and the double ring cancellation "Meriden Coventry West Midlands A 2 AU 78".



25. A cover prepared by A G Bradbury with cachet in green "Tandem Club originated Charlbury First Day of Issue" and the double ring cancellation "Charlbury Oxford 2 AU 78".



26. A cover prepared by A G Bradbury with cachet in red "Cyclists' Touring Club National Office Godalming Surrey" and the double ring cancellation "Godalming Surrey 2 Au 78".



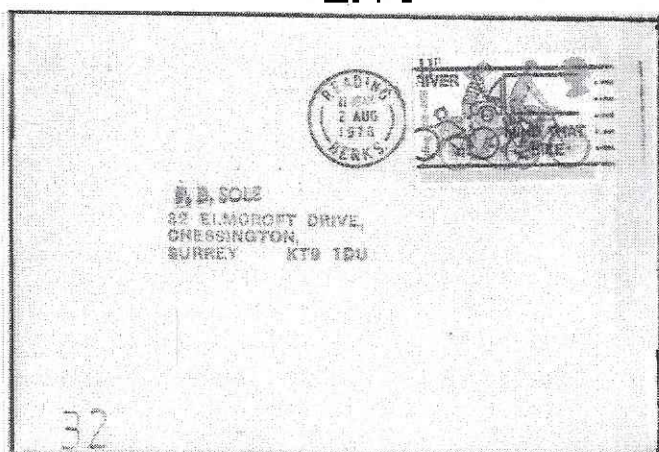
27. A cover prepared by A G Bradbury with the 'cachet "Posted at House of Lords First Day of issue" and the double ring cancellation "House of Lords SW1 '1' 2 pm 2 AU 78".



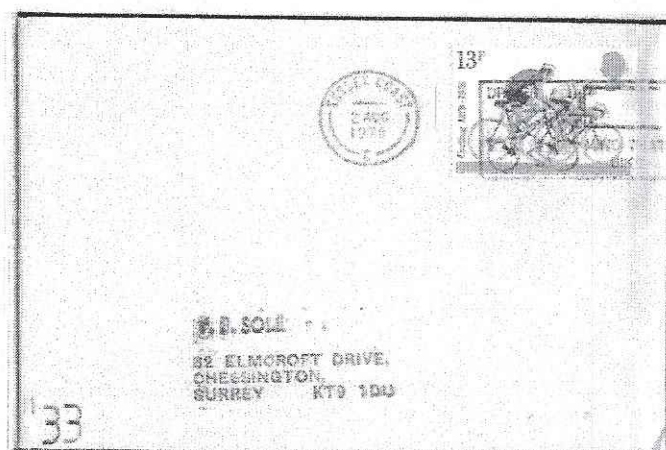


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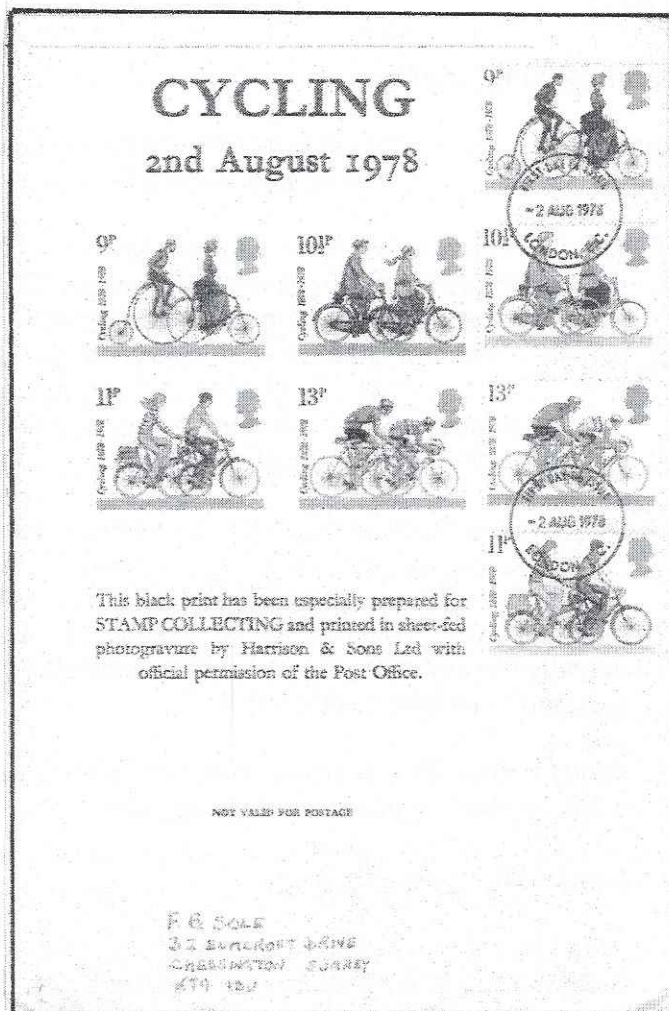
31. A cover prepared by A G Bradbury with the single ring cancel "First Day of Issue Reading Berks 2 Aug 1978" AND the slogan mark "Driver Mind that Bike" and the part double ring cancel "Reading Berks 9.45 AM 2 Aug 1978". PLAIN COVERS WITH SLOGAN POSTMARKS.



32. A plain cover with the slogan mark "Driver Mind that Bike" and the part double ring cancel "Reading Berks 11.30 AM 2 Aug 1978".



33. A plain cover with the slogan "Driver Mind that Bike" and the part double ring cancel "Sussex Coast 'C' 2 Aug 1978".



34. A plain cover with a full set of the cycling stamps over a Black Print prepared by "Stamp Collecting Weekly" enclosed with the issue dated 3 August 1978, but on sale 2 August 1978, cancelled "First Day of Issue 2 Aug 1978 London EC".



Personalised Stamps

I thought it was about time we had an update on the issue of personalised stamps since my article in BS 54 February 2006. There have been a few changes, we now have 13 countries that issue some form of personalised stamps, with eight of these offering what we might call real stamps, ie, not attached labels. We also have a definition, Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia has this definition:

"A personalised stamp is a postage stamp where a picture or photograph can be added to the stamp by a member of the public, some non-governmental entity, or a governmental entity that is not in an official stamp-issuing capacity; it is obviously to be distinguished from personalised rubber stamps as well as "Postal Pal," a label with picture on which a regular postage-stamp can be placed. (In Austria the denomination of personalised stamps can now be changed as well.) In addition to mere personal expression the design of personalized stamps have served a number of other purposes such as the attempt to find missing persons. Some stamp-issuing entities have in turn used their personalised stamp systems to issue "personalised" stamps personalised by the stamp issuing entity. What is or possibly could be characterised as advocacy has also given rise to controversy; see below."

Personalised stamps can be obtained by the public or would-be purchasers or designers in a number of ways.

Stamp-issuing Entities

Åland
Austria

Åland Post offers personalised stamps.

The Austrian Postal Service has permitted personalisation of postage stamps.

The first personal stamp to be generally available was obtained by the 'Post Office in the Clouds' situated in the Vienna Town Hall Christmas Market for use in 2003 and was sold for €1.50. A new stamp has been produced for each subsequent year.

Initially, Personal Stamps were designed to mark family events, but some firms use them for advertising purposes. The publisher of the Netto catalogues, Christine Steyrer, included her portrait and catalogues whilst the auction house Johann Schlosser marked the 20th anniversary of the business with a series depicting the first five issues of Austrian stamps

By the end of 2004, 2700 orders for personal stamps had been received for 140,000 sheets (2.8 million stamps) the equivalent of four normal issues by Post.at. By mid-2006 over 8,000 orders had been completed. A further development has been the production of sheets of stamps with more than one design being repeated throughout the sheet or even 20 different pictures (Fig 8). More recently Post. at have begun to issue booklets on different topics with appropriate Personal stamps included in smaller panes (Fig 9).

Today it appears that some firms and individuals are regularly ordering Personal stamps, often on a theme, with the intention of selling them.

Answers to obvious questions

'How can I buy examples?' Try the internet auction sites. Looking at 'eBay.at' or 'eBay.de' under the section for Austria there is a section 'Personalmarke' but not all vendors use this site, so a visit to the modern stamps section is also needed. The Post.at website has a list of examples available from them. A look at the advertisements in the Austrian philatelic magazine Die Briefmarke may also provide some sources.

Are they listed in the catalogue?' The Austrian Netto Specialised catalogue lists and illustrates issues of 1000 or more, while their standard catalogue lists all of them but without pictures. Other catalogues, both printed and on-line, were available in 2005. (They are not listed in the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue, as they are not sold at face value.)

'Can I use them in competitions?' There is no definite answer to this one. Since they are valid postage stamps they should be acceptable but since some are issued in very small numbers this could be a problem and at present many judges are not aware of their existence. The answer might be that if the stamp had a large print run and was available to the general public, as with the Christmas market stamps shown above, then they should be accepted in a thematic display, but they are probably best used in limited numbers.

Australia	Australia Post has permitted personalisation of labels adjoining its stamps.
Canada	Canada Post has permitted personalisation of postage stamps.
Finland	Personalised stamps are available in Finland in sheets of 20 and eight-stamp booklets.
Japan	Japan Post offers personalised postage stamps.
Luxembourg	In Luxembourg one may personalise a label beside the stamp.
Malaysia	Malaysia Post offers personalised stamps, though apparently purchasing is restricted to certain entities.
The Netherlands	Royal TGP Post has permitted personalisation of postage stamps.
Ukraine	Ukraine has permitted personalisation of labels adjoining its stamps.
United Kingdom	Royal Mail has permitted personalisation of labels adjoining their stamps.
United Nations	The United Nations has permitted personalisation of labels adjoining its stamps.
United States	In the United States personalized stamps are technically a form of meter labels and thus do not fall under the regulations for what can be depicted on U.S.

stamps; for example, the restriction that people, with the exception of U.S. presidents, have to be dead for five years (formerly ten) before they can be commemorated is not applicable. This means that, under the standards for metered mail, they are also not supposed to be cancelled, though there are examples of this being done by unaware or other-enthusiastic employees, or perhaps as a favour for collectors.

Initially advertising was banned from this postage under a U.S. law banning advertising on U.S. securities, but this was later relaxed to allow for a test program. Stamps.com, Zazzle.com and Fuji provide United States Postal Service-approved personalised postage via PhotoStamps and ZazzleStamps and Yourstamps.com respectively; however, unlike in some foreign countries, the postage is defined not to be stamps, but are technically meter labels.

Because they are regarded as meter labels, they are distinguished from NetStamps labels (a form of postage that could be printed out -- but not personalised -- on someone's PC, although some NetStamps labels come with pictures) in that the NetStamps labels "may or may not be canceled" based on local decisions. Customers order the postage online and it is mailed to the recipient at a premium over the cost of postage; there has been some criticism of how much this premium is. Somewhat different is PremierPostage.com, which offers licenced U.S. postage of a similar type (outside the regular U.S. stamp programme and with similar indica), but issued by the company, not personalised by the individual. (These forms of personalised postage should be distinguished from Pitney Bowes Stamp Expressions, personalised postage printed out immediately via the use of a special printer.)

Although most postal regulations permit the exclusion of "objectionable" pictures on the stamps, The "Smoking Gun", in its investigation managed to create American postage stamps featuring the Rosenbergs, Jimmy Hoffa, Ted Kaczynski, Monica Lewinsky's dress, Slobodan Milošević and Nicolae Ceaușescu. Within a few weeks of the article detailing this abuse, PhotoStamps revised its policies, and as of September 2004 the company no longer accepted images that included adults or teenagers. They have since allowed these images again, under more stringent terms of service. At least some Yourstamps sheets come with a bonus of free stickers.

Humane Society of the United States controversy

REACT Consulting Group filed a lawsuit against Zazzle for allowing Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) ZazzleStamps, it alleged, promoted or could promote an anti-hunting agenda while rejecting

designs claiming "sportsmen" were conservationists. Some of the HSUS ZazzleStamps were later removed from sale (on August 31, 2006), an action preceded by calls from SuperVegan blog to "BUY TONS NOW!". However, there have been questions about why stamps which appear to promote hunting have been permitted.

Copyright

In some cases certain aspects of copyright law relating to personalised postage are unclear. However, Canada Post claims sole copyright in Canadian personalised stamps.

Stamp Images

I think most people if asked what image they might find on a "Personalised Stamp" will say "a picture of a person or persons". This is not true the image can be quite abstract, any object in fact, the possibilities are endless. There of course restrictions as to what image you can use, this depends on the issuing Postal Authorities and varies.



How do we include them in our collections

These "stamps" present some problems and we must decide how we will accommodate them. eg:

What catalogue references can we use ?

Can they be included in displays ?

There will not be dates of issue, as is the case with Post Office issues, so how do we list them ?

Let me know your thoughts !!

Zazzle cycling stamps

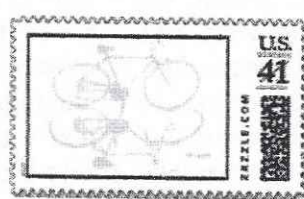
These are some of the cycling "stamps" found on the ZAZZLE.COM website, in early January 2008 Günther Pöpperl sent me details of three of these, I then found twenty more on the website. I had hoped to include them in BS 62 but ran out of space, on visiting the Zazzle website, whilst working on this article, I found it now lists 83 !.



1975 Schwinn
Continental



Amsterdam Bikers



Bicycle 4



Bicycle Post Logo



Bicycle Post Logo III



Bicycles



Bigwheel - James Curtis



Bike DFW Postage
Stamps



Cycle Therapy



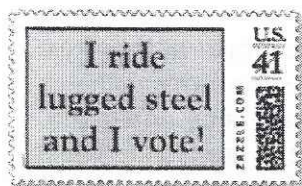
Cycling Stamps - Road



Cycling Stamps - Track



Group Therapy Postage



I ride lugged steel and I vote



My 1st wheels



Need a ride



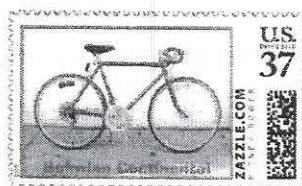
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One Less Car



Ride ride ride



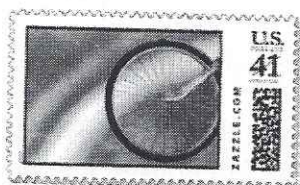
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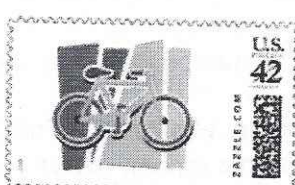
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Victory salute



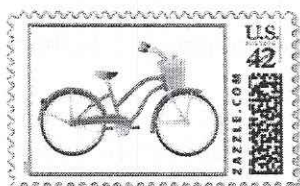
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Bicycle



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Beautiful Bicycle



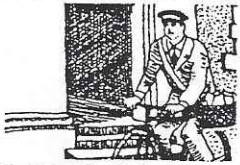
Wedding



KRW Orient Cycles



bikengruvin peace Stamp



From My Musette

- * **Philately will get you everywhere** - (UK Daily Mail, December 2007) - They may not be seen as the coolest kids in the playground. But youngsters who develop an interest in stamp collecting tend to be more successful in their adult lives than the rest of the population, a study suggests. Researchers found that 74 per cent of philatelists are university educated, compared with only 20 per cent of the general public. And nearly half earn more than £ 30,000 a year - nearly £7,000 more than the national average- Three out of four stamp collectors live in homes with more than three bedrooms, compared with one in three of the rest of the population, and one in seven owns a second home, a luxury enjoyed generally by just one in a hundred.

The survey by Royal Mail also reveals that 62 per cent of stamp collectors take at least two holidays every year. But it seems that the hobby remains a male-dominated pastime, with just one in ten women among the country's 2.5 million stamp enthusiasts. There also appears to be something of a North-South divide, with 59 per cent of collectors living in the South. Child behavior expert Eileen Hayes said she was not surprised to learn that young stamp collectors tend to make a success of their lives. 'Stamp collecting develops several key skills such as persistence, attention to detail and patience, all of which contribute largely to the ability of people to succeed academically, in their careers and, ultimately, in their lives,' she said. 'Stamp collecting as a hobby, particularly in children, can be of huge benefit to successes in other areas and it is fascinating to see this reflected so clearly within these statistics.'

In the days before computer games, stamp collecting, along with building model railways, was a staple activity among schoolboys. It has long suffered from an image problem, coming second only to train spotting in the 'anorak' stakes. But there are a number of celebrity stamp collectors, including Rolling Stone Ronnie Wood who revived a passion for collecting rare stamps and painting after giving up alcohol. A friend of his said: 'Ronnie gets assistants to go to specialist shops to buy the best stamps. He's very proud of his collection.' The Queen has one of the finest stamp collections in the world, worth around £300 million.

The first adhesive postage stamp, the Penny Black, was launched in Britain on May 6, 1840, followed two days later by the Tuppence Blue. Stamp collecting began soon after, but the hobby really took off in the 1860s. Stanley Gibbons Ltd, founded in the world's oldest stamp dealing business. It claims rare stamps have risen in value at a rate of 10 per cent Year since 1907.

- * **Post office closures in Hungary** - The Hungarian Postal Service (Magyar Posta Zrt.) is planning to close 103 post offices before the end of the year, and sell another 1000 in 2008. Services will be cut where there are more post offices operating than specified by law. In Budapest, for example, there are 169 post offices, but only 86 are legally required.

Magyar Posta Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Laszlo Szivi, said that offices will also be closed where the volume of traffic does not justify their existence. Liberalisation of postal services is expected by 2009 and there are nearly 100 companies in Hungary registered to perform postal services, including several global firms, many of which are believed to be planning a further expansion of their operations once liberalisation occurs. GSM April 2007

- * **Suspicion mounts that Royal Mail is to phase out stamps.** - 'Royal Mail has not only stunned the world of philately but every member of the public who wants to buy a humble postage stamp from their local post office,' says Peter Jennings FRPSL, FRGS, 'Typical of the cavalier manner in which they treat the public, Post Office Counters, may be attempting to get away with an the under-counter covert operation to phase out stamps!' continues Mr Jennings in this exclusive report.



Will labels replace stamps?

Post Office Counters, a division of Royal Mail, has offered post offices and sales outlets the opportunity to cease selling postage stamps to their customers and replace them with dull Horizon labels, a white, computer-generated till receipt for the pre-payment of postage, introduced a few years ago. There are substantial costs saving implications in this new strategy. Horizon labels are subsidised by Royal Mail and no accountancy is required in post offices at the end of the working day other than to read a computer print-out. At present, counter clerks have to balance all stocks of postage stamps at the end of each day's business. Whatever decision is ultimately taken by Post Office Counters, books of 1st and 2nd class stamps will still be available for

the public to buy from newsagents and other retail outlets.

'If postage stamps are no longer on sale from post offices it would be a bitter blow and have huge implications for stamp collectors and the hobby of stamp collecting. Stanley Gibbons may have to reconsider their policy of listing definitive and commemorative stamps that are not freely available from post offices or other sales outlets,' suggests Jennings. Hugh Jefferies, Stanley Gibbons Catalogue editor, said: 'My concern is that without postage stamps appearing on our letters there will be little to attract a new generation of collectors to the hobby. Royal Mail has always stated that it is their objective to encourage new collectors, yet any move in this direction clearly flies in the face of this long-standing commitment.' He made clear that: 'Stanley Gibbons Collect British Stamps catalogue only lists stamps that are freely available at face value. If they are only sold by mail order as "collectibles" they will not meet this strict criterion.'

A South London stamp dealer told Jennings that: 'I have been told categorically by a Crown Post Office in southwest London that they can no longer put postage stamps on letters, small packages and parcels. It's 100 per cent labels from now on emphasised my contact.' John Auld, a stamp dealer and Chairman of the Philatelic Traders Society, said: 'From a business point of view it could be extremely damaging to the future of stamp collecting if this strategy is implemented.'

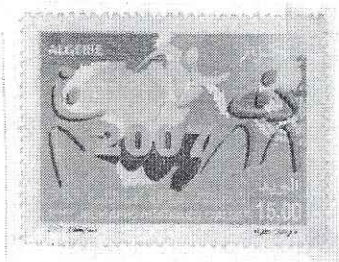
Contacting Royal Mail for comment their spokesman, Patrick O'Neill, told Jennings: 'Royal Mail doesn't have a change of policy around labels and we will be continuing to sell stamps as normal throughout the Post Office network.' When first contacted, Mr O'Neill had emphasised: 'Horizon Labels are an important part of our (Royal Mail) strategy.'

'Royal Mail remains tight-lipped about the phasing out of postage stamps but it is clear that something untoward is afoot in a business that is 51 per cent owned by the British Government. The policy to phase out stamps may well have been in existence for a while and has only come to light as supplies at post offices have been exhausted. This scenario would give the Royal Mail spokesman just about enough latitude to say "Royal Mail doesn't have a change of policy around labels"', concludes Peter Jennings. As we went to press, Gibbons Stamp Monthly was awaiting clarification of the situation from Royal Mail but naturally views this development with extreme concern.

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***** **A stamp for an event which never happened!** - Med Achour Ali Ahmed comments that postal administrations that choose to issue stamps to commemorate an event well before its launch run the risk of seeing the theme of their issue rendered obsolete by the cancellation of the event for one reason or another.

This is just what has happened to Algerian Post which released two issues on 18 May 2007 dedicated to major sporting events that were to take place in Algiers.



The first stamp featured the Ninth All-Africa Games which took place between 11 and 23 July 2007.

The second issue was devoted to the second Afro-Asian Games which were to be held from 28 July to 6 August, almost immediately following the African Games.

The first Afro-Asian Games had taken place in Hyderabad (India) in 2003 but unfortunately the 2007 Games were cancelled due to lack of entries. So, the stamp issued by Algerie Poste was issued for nothing!

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- * **Swiss Post utilises BeeTagg technology** - Swiss Post issued a single 1f. stamp on 31 October 2007 and in addition to featuring an attractive picture of skiers descending a run,



the stamp also contains a honeycomb-like internet link code called a BeeTagg

Today's hi-tech state-of-the-art mobile telephones can do much more than merely make and receive calls. They can operate text formats and take and receive photographs, and the more sophisticated can even send and receive e-mails. Mobile tagging is the latest service to become available

Thanks to a BeeTagg code (a two-dimensional image), mobile phone users can now connect direct to an internet webpage. BeeTaggs can have images or logos attached to them and because they are readable in very small formats they are suitable for highly condensed information, for instance on a postage stamp.

People with BeeTagg technology installed in their mobile telephones can 'read' a BeeTagg and this gives them access to a particular internet page. The BeeTagg on the stamp is linked to Swiss Post's website.

Swiss Post's subsidiary, Yellowworld AG, has further extended its use of the BeeTagg by installing them at 100 Postbus stops so that mobile phone users can access the timetables.

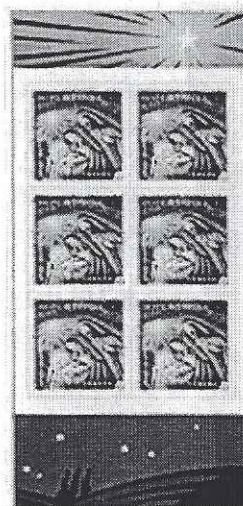
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- * **One year old and here to stay—the Permanent Stamp**

The 'Permanent' stamp has been a big hit with Canadians. Since its introduction, Canada Post has sold some 764 million individual stamps. In fact, in the first three months, the Permanent stamp achieved all-time record sales. Things evened out throughout the year, but sales still surpassed the previous year's total by more than 85 million stamps.

The recently issued stamps for Christmas included two Permanent stamps and, due to its unprecedented success, two additional Permanent stamps will be issued in 2008: the 'Celebration' stamp and the 'Christmas' stamp. The United States Postal Service followed Canada Post's lead in issuing their 'Forever' stamp on 12 April of this year.

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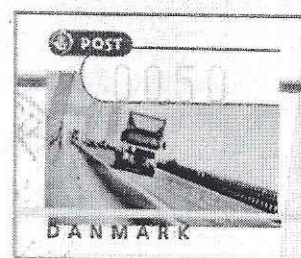


- * **Denmark phases out automatic machine labels**

Post Denmark will end the production of automatic machine labels on 31 December 2007.

The country's first postage labels were produced in October 1990 and since 1998 the Post Office has issued three new designs a year. They will be replaced by new franking labels.

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Please note in 2002 a label was introduced showing a mailman on a bicycle - labels were available in values from DKK 0.25 to 99.75 in 25 ØRE increments, see BS 41 Page 6

- * **Just4Stamps**, (www.just4stamps.com) is a new website for stamp collectors. The site contains a comprehensive philatelic database and has a forum to which everybody is invited to contribute. The database of clubs, specialist societies, dealers and auctioneers allows any organisation listed to maintain their own entries and make changes whenever they want. There is also a list of thematic sites that is believed to be the most comprehensive available.

Paul Ecclefield and Chris Goodeve-Ballard, both from Fleet, Hampshire, have spent nearly two years developing the site in conjunction with Wolftek, a web-design company based in Eastbourne.

'We believe this site can fill a real need in the philatelic world' says Paul. 'We are only just starting and we will be developing Just4Stamps in as many different directions as its users want to go'.

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- * **More bikes for Hungarian postal service** - It is reported that the Hungarian postal service (Magyar Posta) is to spend 1.1 billion florins (€4.34 million/£3.2 million) to buy nearly 4800 bicycles and 30 bicycle trailers. The price includes maintenance and repairs for five years. The public procurement tender was won by Győr-based Cronopont Kft.

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CORKY'S TRIKE EXPRESS - FRONT AND BACK OF ENVELOPE WITH PERSONALISED STAMP

SPAIN - POSTCARD

Juan Bautista Llorens

Champion of Spain 1924

2nd in 1926 Championship



Un salu de pl

Cordialme



J. B. Llorens

Juan Bautista Llorens Albiol.

Nació en Vila-real (Castellón), el 28 de Octubre de 1897.

Siete veces Campeón de España

(Carretera, Velocidad y Tras-moto).

Primer ciclista español internacional.



Hill - NSW 1755

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