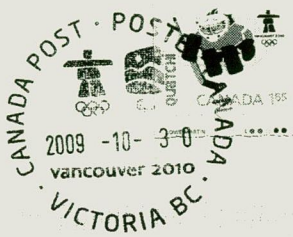




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## FRONT PAGE

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As 2009 draws to a close, the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games are almost upon us, and London 2012 draws closer with less than 1000 days to go.

The Olympic torch is winding its way across Canada in time for what will surely be a massive welcoming party in Vancouver on February 12th. Unfortunately Canada Post have not released details of their cancellation programme as we go to press, although details are expected in the near future.

Members wishing to obtain this (or other 'stop press') information, should contact Bob Wilcock on [marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org](mailto:marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org) and asked to be added to the society email notification service. By joining the service members will receive details of news releases as they become known without having to wait for the next issue of Torch Bearer. Bob would also welcome news items from members for circulation.

Responding to demand following his IOC Congress article, Brian Hammond has produced the first part of a series to deal with IOC Sessions.

Much of this issue is devoted to London 2012 and the events that shaped the SOC covers produced for the 22.10.09 stamp issue by Royal Mail, and we feel that it is important to document these events.

You will find references to the 'difficulties' that we had to overcome to produce these covers, and if you read between the lines, the time and energy devoted by very few is evident. 22nd. October heralded the start of the London 2012 philatelic programme, and there are indications that it will continue with extensive and interesting issues until (and during?) the Games.

In recognition of the time and effort required to produce covers for members on future issue dates, we would like to enlist the help of members (or to be more truthful, we need the help of more members).

This is one of the primary reasons for holding the members meeting at Philatex on Saturday February 27th (see page 141). It is worth the visit to see Bob's presentation.

2009 has been a relatively active Olympic year - Cologne, Warsaw, Budapest and Cologne have all hosted events of interest to collectors. 2010 could prove just as active with the addition of the Olympic Winter Games.

Subscription renewals will be due as you receive this issue. **Please renew promptly** as this reduces administration issues, and avoids potential complications caused by late renewal. Please remember that you committee are all volunteers, and your assistance in minimising the administrative workload is appreciated.

**The committee wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing break for the Christmas and New Year period, and trust that you will have a prosperous and productive 2010.**

## Vancouver 2010 - Torch Relay in Greece

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The Olympic flame was ignited on the 22nd. October, 2009 using the sun's rays at Ancient Olympia, the flame was taken to the Ancient Olympic Stadium, and passed to Vassilis Dimitriadis, the first runner of the Vancouver 2010 Torch Relay. After a brief ceremony at the monument to de Coubertin, the relay that will ultimately arrive at the Opening Ceremony in Vancouver on 12th February, 2010 began a tour of Greece.



The flame was passed to the Vancouver 2010 Organising Committee on 29th October in Athens before being flown to Victoria, British Columbia.

### Day 1 - Thursday, 22.10

Olympia  
Pyrgos  
Ancient Ilida  
Tripotama  
Kalavryta

### Day 2 - Friday, 23.10

Kalavryta  
Patras  
Mesollogi  
Agrinio  
Karpenisi

### Day 3 - Saturday, 24.10

Karpenisi  
Lamia  
Karditsa  
Trikala  
Kalampaka  
Metsovo

### Day 4 – Sunday, 25.10

Metsovo  
Grevena  
Kastoria  
Florina  
Amyntaio  
Palios Agios Athanasios  
Edessa

### Day 5 – Monday, 26.10

Edessa  
Serres  
Drama  
Thessaloniki

### Day 6 – Tuesday, 27.10

Thessaloniki  
Naoussa  
Veria  
Kozani  
Elassona  
Larissa  
Volos

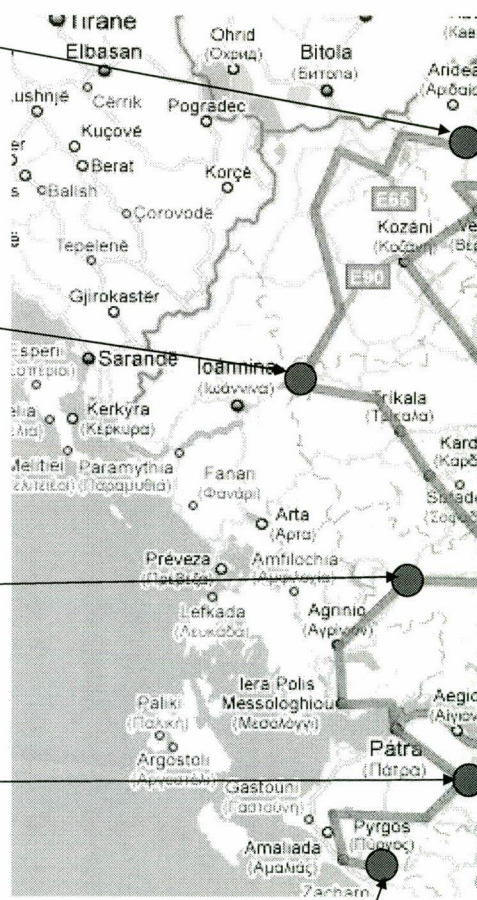
### Day 7 – Wednesday, 28.10

Volos  
Arachova  
Livadia  
Orchomenos  
Aigaleo  
Acropolis

### Day 8 – Thursday, 29.10

Acropoli  
New Acropolis Museum  
Panathenian Stadium  
(Handover Ceremony)

The Torch Relay was commemorated by a series of cancellations for the lighting ceremony and each of the over-night stops.





## Vancouver 2010 - Domestic Torch Relay

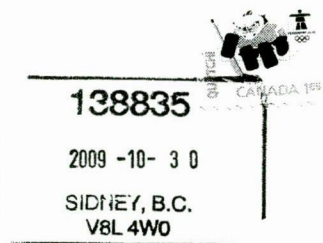
It had been indicated that there would not be any philatelic commemoration of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games Torch Relay in Canada, however the following notice was circulated by Canada Post:

*Canada Post would like to create awareness and interest surrounding the upcoming Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games, with stamp collectors and Canadians alike.*

*We have selected 26 of our biggest postal outlets on the West Coast and would like to them to use the proposed cancel for collectors as well as regular mail starting in mid-November right through to the close of the Paralympics Games. All cancels would display the same image, however only the location would be changed to represent each city on the list found below:*

Location	Approximate first date
Dawson City, Yukon	6th Nov 2009
Victoria, BC	6th Nov 2009
Parksville, BC	9th Nov 2009
Nanaimo, BC	12th Nov 2009
Whitehorse, Yukon	12th Nov 2009
Campbell River, BC	18th Nov 2009
Courtenay, BC	18th Nov 2009
Abbotsford, BC	January 2010
Castlegar, BC	January 2010
Cranbrook, BC	January 2010
Golden, BC	January 2010
Kamloops, BC	January 2010
Kelowna, BC	January 2010

Location	Approximate first date
Mackenzie, BC	January 2010
Merritt, BC	January 2010
Nelson, BC	January 2010
Penticon, BC	January 2010
Powell River, BC	January 2010
Prince George, BC	January 2010
Prince Rupert, BC	January 2010
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Trail, BC	January 2010
Vancouver Main PO, BC	January 2010
Vernon, BC	January 2010
Whistler, BC	January 2010
Williams Lake, BC	January 2010

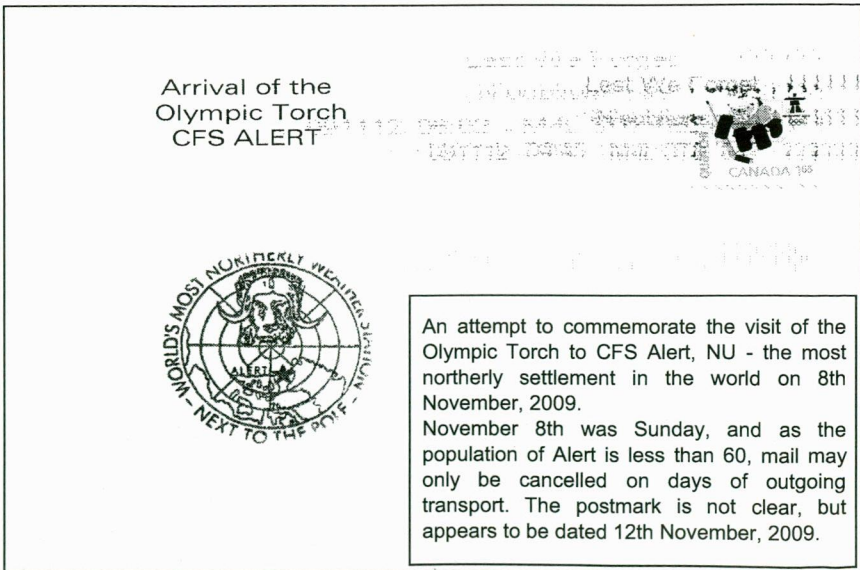


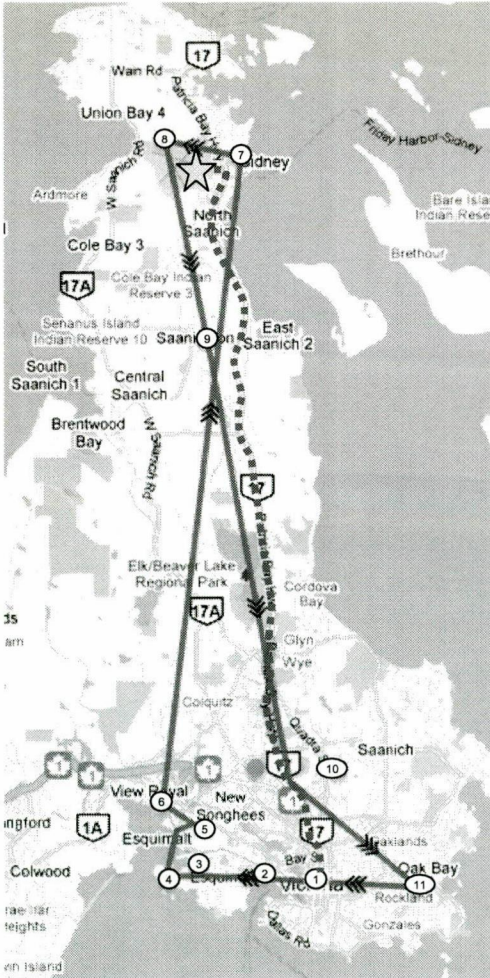
The two examples above (left and centre) show that some of the cancels were in use before the notified 'approximate first date of use', and were in use for the passage of the Olympic Torch.

The standard boxed SIDNEY, B.C. cancel for 30th October, 2009 represents the nearest post office to the arrival of the Olympic Torch on Canadian soil.



A small number of covers were carried on the flight from Greece to Canada, and presented at Victoria Post Office to receive a receiving mark. The staff would only provide a cancellation if a Canadian stamp was applied, however, the 'bonus' was the use of the Olympic cancel.





**30th October, 2009  
Day 1**

- 1 Victoria
- 2 Esquimalt
- 3 CFB/BFC Esquimalt
- 4 Esquimalt (FN/PN)
- 5 Songees
- 6 View Royal
- 7 Sidney
- 8 North Saanich
- 9 Central Saanich
- 10 Saanich
- 11 Oak Bay

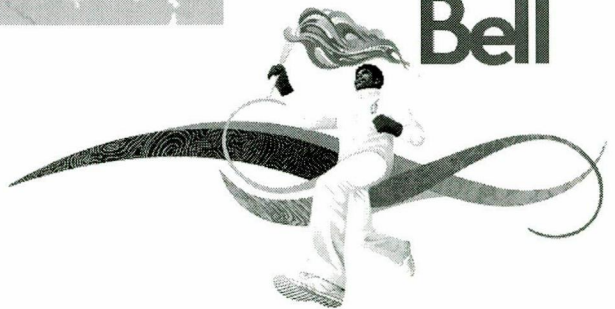
★ Victoria International Airport  
(Arrival from Greece).

----- Travel from the Airport to start of the Torch Relay in Canada - Victoria B.C.

A detailed itinerary of the Torch Relay route can be found at:  
<http://www.vancouver2010.com/more-2010-information/olympic-torch-relay/olympic-torch-relay-interactive-map/>  
 Searches can be made by date or Province / Territory.

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## Members Meeting – Saturday 27 February - Philatex

Members are cordially invited to a meeting

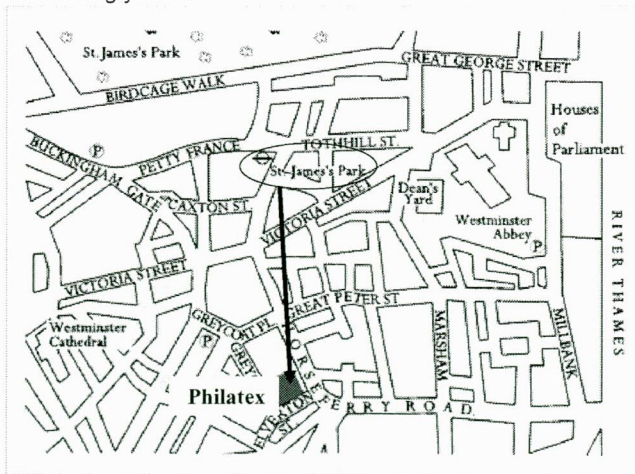
- At **Philatex** Stamp Show, The Horticultural Halls, Lawrence Hall Greycoat Street - **LONDON** SW1P 2QD (nearest tube St. James's Park; parking is free on Saturdays)
- On **Saturday 27 February** from **3pm to 5pm** in **Room 21**

### Agenda:

- 3-4pm:
  - \* meet the committee and fellow members
  - \* informal members **bourse** – buy, sell, exchange
  - \* **SOC souvenirs for sale** (including the SmartStamp for the 25<sup>th</sup> February London 2012 stamp booklet issue)
  - \* **London 1908 book** at special reduced price - **£8**
  - \* **London 2012** and other brochures available – **free!**
- 4-5pm
  - \* **The London 1908 Olympic Marathon – A PowerPoint display** using postcards, stamps, newspaper and other images, including items from the Royal Collection, telling the story of the race, how the distance of 26 miles 385 yards was determined, and above all recreating the drama of **the greatest race of the twentieth century!**

Admission to **Philatex** is **free**, so be sure to come early and visit the 100+ Dealers from the U.K., Europe, United States, Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand!

We look forward to seeing you all.



# Philatelic History of the International Olympic Committee Sessions - Part 1

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Brian Hammond

In Torch Bearer volume 26 issue 3, page 106 I listed philatelic material from the first twelve Olympic Congresses. The Congresses are used to bring together all members of the Olympic family to discuss important issues relating to the Olympic movement. Outside of the forums presented by the congresses, the elected members of the International Olympic Committee are responsible for overseeing and operating the Olympic movement. Their responsibilities include selecting the host cities for both summer and winter Olympic Games, electing new IOC members and the members of the executive board, selecting the sports and events on the Olympic programme, and hearing reports from the various commissions and organising committees. The day to day work of the Olympic organisation is carried out by salaried staff and the executive board at their headquarters in the Olympic city of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Today, the IOC hold one session per year unless an urgent issue arises between planned sessions, causing an extra meeting to be called. Including Copenhagen, October 2009, 121 sessions have been held. A session is also held during each summer and winter games (when both were held in the same year, a session was held at each games). No sessions were held between 1914 and 1919, or 1939 to 1946 as a result of the two world wars. Dates of the 5th session in 1902 and the 6th session are disputed due to a loss of official records, as a result of which some considered that only meeting took place, however it is now accepted that two sessions were held and the current allocation of session numbers reflects this. Items commemorating many of the sessions have incorrect references to the session number as a result of the disputed status of the 5th and 6th sessions.

IOC sessions are also held in conjunction with Olympic Congresses. The 1st Session in 1894 at the 1st Congress, 1894, Paris. The 24th Session in Prague, 1925. The 29th Session in Berlin, 1930. The 74th Session in Varna, 1973. The 90th Session in East Berlin, 1985. The 103rd Session in Paris, 1994 and the 121st Session in Copenhagen, 2009. *{See the IOC Congress article for philatelic material}*.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Session, 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1954 - Athens, Greece.

The first philatelic material known to me that was issued solely for a session of the IOC was for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the modern Olympic games at the 50<sup>th</sup> session of the IOC. Two special cancellations were used, one in Greek and one in English. *{Figs 1 & 2}*.

Fig. 1



Fig. 2



**52<sup>nd</sup> Session, 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1956 - Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy.**

This session took place at the 8<sup>th</sup> Olympic Winter games. Items included a special cancellation of which there are two versions, the main difference being the linking of the Olympic rings, and a publicity cancellation showing the mountains and Olympic rings with text 'Cortina 1956'. There is also an official postcard showing the games logo on a blue background above the text '51<sup>st</sup> session del C.I.O. 1955' {an error of date and session number}, and an official envelope with the incorrect information. {Figs 3 & 4}.



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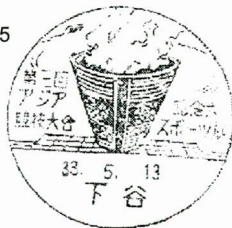


Fig. 4

**55<sup>th</sup> Session, 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1958 - Tokyo, Japan.**

A special cancellation. {Fig 5}.

Fig. 5



**58<sup>th</sup> Session, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1960 - Rome, Italy.**

A postcard and special cancellation, again with incorrect session number. {Fig 6}.

Fig. 6



**60<sup>th</sup> Session, 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1962 - Moscow, U.S.S.R.**

The U.S.S.R. issued a commemorative postal stationery. {Fig 7}.

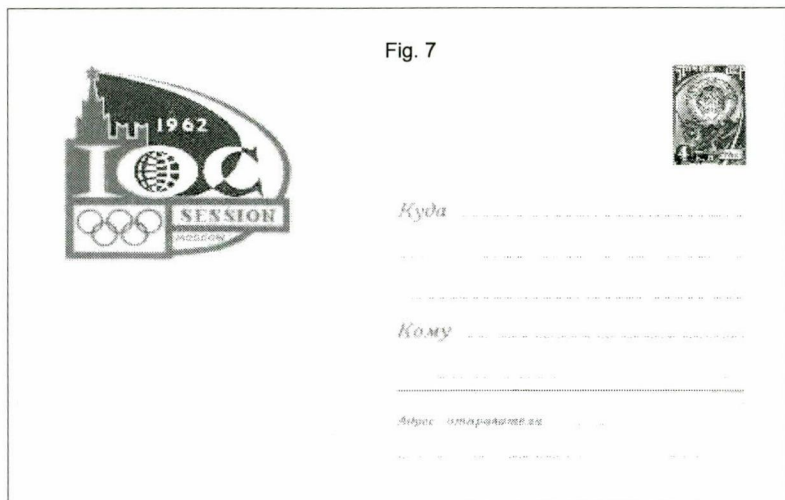


Fig. 7

**61<sup>st</sup> Session, 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1963 - Baden-Baden, West Germany.**

A special cancellation was used inscribed for the 60<sup>th</sup> session. {Fig 8}.



Fig. 8

**62<sup>nd</sup> Session, 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January and 1st February, 1964 - Innsbruck, Austria.**

Vignettes, a fund raising sheet, and a cancellation {with incorrect session number} from Austria. {Figs 9 - 11}. The vignettes and sheet also commemorate the 63rd session in Tokyo, held 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1964.

Fig. 9



Figs. 10 & 11



**64<sup>th</sup> Session, 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1965 - Madrid, Spain.**

Spain issued a commemorative stamp and cancellation {with incorrect session number} . {Figs 12 & 13}.

Fig. 12

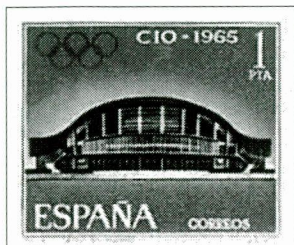


Fig. 13



**65<sup>th</sup> Session, 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April, 1966 - Rome, Italy.**

The single vignette issued, again shows the incorrect session number. {Fig 14}.

Fig. 14

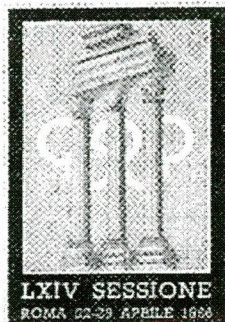
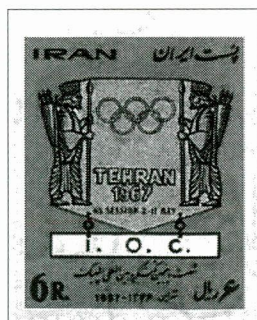


Fig. 15



**66<sup>th</sup> Session, 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1967 - Teheran, Iran.**

Iran issued a single commemorative stamp. {Fig 15}.

**69<sup>th</sup> Session, 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1969 - Warsaw, Poland.**

Poland issued a vignette, a cover and a cancellation for this session. {Fig 16}.

Fig. 16



**70<sup>th</sup> Session, 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1970 - Amsterdam, Netherland.**

A cancellation is inscribed for the 69th session, a second in two versions numbered 1 or 2 refers to a congress instead of a session - both are incorrect. A vignette was also issued. {Fig 17}.



**71<sup>st</sup> Session, 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1971 - Luxembourg.**

A cover, stamp and cancellation with the session number were used. {Fig 18 & 19}.



**72<sup>nd</sup> Session, 31<sup>st</sup> January - 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1972 - Sapporo, Japan.**

A cachet was used, but referred to this session as a general assembly.

**73<sup>rd</sup> Session, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August and 5<sup>th</sup> September, 1972 - Munich, West Germany.**

A cancellation was used with two date styles:

{Fig 20} with year;

{Fig 21} with year and hour.

Fig. 20

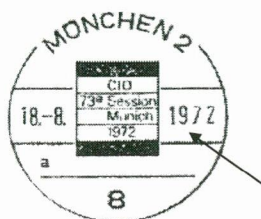
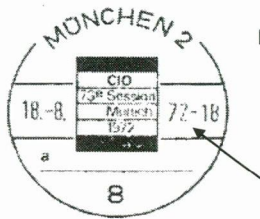


Fig. 21



**75<sup>th</sup> Session, 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1974 - Vienna, Austria.**

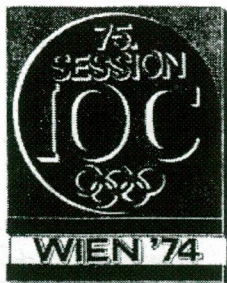
Austria issued a special cover and cancellation for this session {Fig 22}.

This Session proved popular with South American countries. A number linked the I.O.C. Session with other 1974 anniversaries.

Bolivia issued a miniature sheet {Fig 23}, Paraguay issued two miniature sheets {Fig 24}.

Uruguay also issued a miniature sheet {Fig 25}, and three stamps with a common design valued 200 Green, 300 Orange and 500 Blue. {Fig 26}.

Fig. 22



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OLYMPIA WISSENSCHAFT  
75. IOC-SESSION  
15. 8. 1974 - 10. 10. 1974  
XII. OLYMPISCHE WINTERSPIELE  
INNSBRUCK 8. 10. 2. 1976  
1150 WIEN 21 1974



**BOLIVIA** EXPOSICIONES FILATELICAS  
1975 · 1976 · 1977

75. SESION DEL COMITE OLIMPICO INTERNACIONAL VIENA 1974

DIRECCION NACIONAL DE CORREOS

Sh. 4.-

Sh. 16

JUEGOS OLIMPICOS DE INVIERNO - INNSBRUCK 1976

FEDERACION FILATELICA BOLIVIANA

Fig. 23

**REPUBLICA DEL PARAGUAY**

PARAGUAY

3128

Gs. 19.

OLYMPIA EN AUSTRIA - 75. SESION DEL COMITE OLIMPICO INTERNACIONAL VIENA 1974 AL 15 FEBRERO

JUEGOS OLIMPICOS DE INVIERNO - INNSBRUCK 1976 - 4 AL 15 FEBRERO

+Gs. 5

Fig. 24

URUGUAY

500

ALREO

Fig. 26

**REPUBLICA DEL PARAGUAY**

PARAGUAY

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Gs. 15.

OLYMPIA EN AUSTRIA - 75. SESION DE IOC XII JUEGOS OLIMPICOS DE INVIERNO INNSBRUCK 1976 - 4 AL 15 FEBRERO

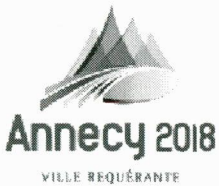
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Fig. 25

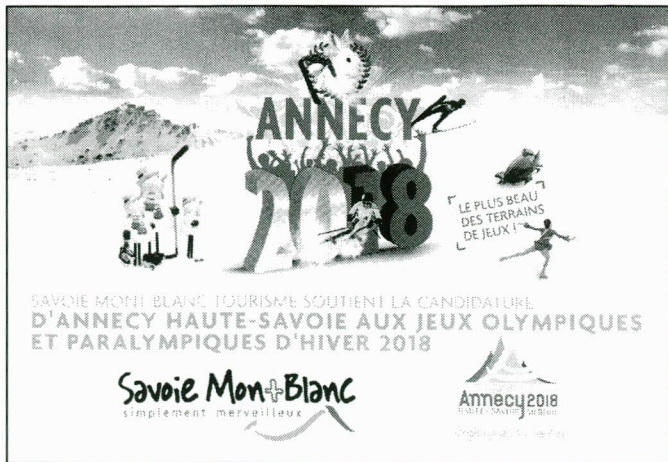
## ANNECY 2018



A postcard (shown right) has been produced by Savoie Mont Blanc, Tourisme to promote the Anancy candidature to host the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

December 2 - Anancy has launched its logo for its bid to host the 2018 Winter Olympics, claiming that it reflects the powerful regional support for the bid.

For regular updates on Olympic topics, visit:  
<http://insidethegames.biz/index.php>



## LONDON 2012 - Stamp Programme & Stamp Booklets

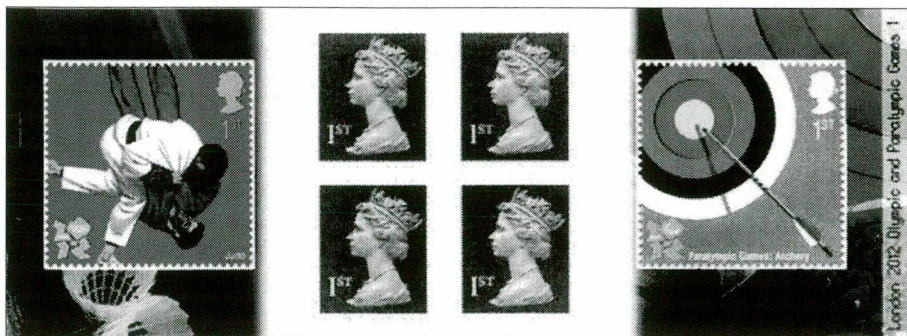
At a meeting with Royal Mail in October discussion took place about the potential stamp issue and sales programme leading up to the London 2012 Olympic Games, a summary of which follows:

The planned stamp issues will include three sets of ten stamps with the 'Sporting Disciplines' theme. Issues will take place in 2009, 2010, 2011.

Royal Mail believe that when complete this will be the first occasion on which all sporting disciplines of the Olympic and Paralympic Games will have been commemorated for a single celebration of the Games.

The thirty stamps from this series will remain on sale until the Games are held - the normal one year sales period will not apply. *{It will be interesting to see if the 2009 and 2010 issues are reprinted if demand is sufficient Ed.}*

Availability of the October 22 issue at post offices appears to be very patchy, with few offices having stock. Purchasing of single designs has also been difficult as counter clerks try to avoid unbalancing their stock - effectively treating the issue as two units of five designs, not ten single stamps.



*Royal Mail have announced the following:*

### **Olympic Games stamp books**

A book containing Judo and Paralympic Archery stamps from the Olympic & Paralympic Games issue (22 October, 2009) and four 1st class definitive stamps will be issued on 7th January, 2010. A second Games book with Track Athletics and Basketball stamps and four definitives follows on 25th February. Both will be printed by Walsall in gravure, price £2.34 each.

*The stamps in the booklets are effectively a new issue because they are self adhesive. It is likely that a series of five booklets will be issued to utilise the ten designs from the 22nd October, 2009 issue, but confirmation of this has not yet been received. It seems that we may expect the issue of thirty stamp designs in the 'Sporting Disciplines' series before the London 2012 Olympic Games, with fifteen accompanying booklets.*

## **FIPO Circular letter no. 4/09**

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To all National FIPO member Associations

### **Circular letter n.4/09**

Re: IOC Service stamps

Please be informed that the agreement between IOC and Swiss Post, for the issue by Swiss Post of IOC Service stamps, has come to an end.

The Swiss Post is rationalising the number of organisations which use Service stamps. As from 2010 Swiss Post will issue stamps to commemorate the Olympic Games and include on the stamp the words IOC and the Olympic rings but the stamps are for general postage and are not IOC Service stamps.

IOC service stamps issued in the past are still valid for postage by the IOC while supplies last.

Maurizio Tecardi  
(FIPO Secretary General)

## **FIPO CIRCULAR November 2009**

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FIPO CIRCULAR  
NOVEMBER 2009

I herewith inform you that the next World Olympic Collectors Fair will be held in Cologne (Germany) from 16th to 18th April 2010. It will be organised by the German FIPO member Association "IMOS":

All the interested FIPO Associations are kindly asked to contact IMOS President, Mr. Gerard Treschnak (email: [gerd.treschnak@imos-online.de](mailto:gerd.treschnak@imos-online.de)) or Mr. Thomas Lippert (email: [thomas.lippert@imos-online.de](mailto:thomas.lippert@imos-online.de)).

Best regards,  
Maurizio Tecardi  
FIPO Secretary General

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*There has already been an expression of interest from within the committee to attend the World Olympic Collectors Fair in Cologne.*

*Following a visit to the Fair held in 2009, the venue, route, accommodation and travel options are already known.*

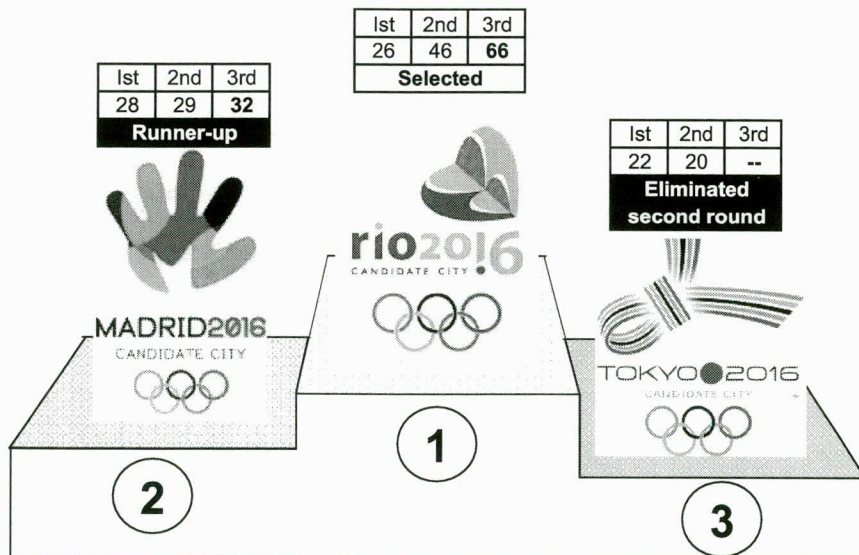
*Any members interested in attending the 2010 fair are invited to contact Bob Farley. If there are members interested in helping to man an SOC table we would also like to hear from you!*

## 121st. I.O.C. Session, 2016 Host city - Rio de Janeiro

The 121st IOC Session was held in Copenhagen, Denmark 1st - 2nd, October, 2009 at the Bella Center. For the majority of Olympic enthusiasts, the key item of business was the selection of the 2016 Host City.

The election of Rio de Janeiro took place on October 2nd, after three rounds of voting.

**October 2, 2009** - Results of the ballots to select the 2016 host city -  
121st IOC Session, The Bella Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark



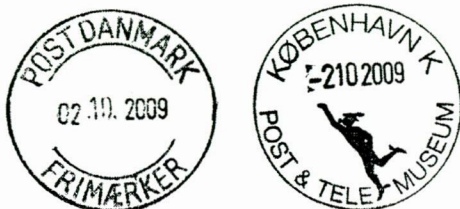
Having arrived in Copenhagen in advance of the IOC Session, we were able to establish that there would not be any official commemoration of the Session by Post Danmark, opportunities to produce dated souvenirs would also be limited as Post Danmark do not use counter handstamps for special services such as registered mail. Registered mail is actually very expensive with a premium of 69 DKr (circa £7.00) over the basic franking, but is still processed automatically in the main mail stream.



Although we arrived in advance of the IOC Session, the security cordon at the Bella Center was already in place. Discussions with security staff (local police), confirmed that there was a post office within the Bella Center, but we were told that it was closed during the Session and Congress, with all postal business diverted to a local post office.

The timing of the announcement of the decision also created a problem, as only two post offices would be open after the decision was announced. The Main Post Office, and a Post Office at the Railway Station.

Adjacent to the Main Post Office, is the Post & Tele Museum, and here we found our first opportunity to achieve items with a handstamped date of 2nd October. The Museum offered two handstamps with a hand-back or mailing facility, but could not offer special services such as registration.



Arrangements were made to meet with Thomas Lippert and Klaus Fink at the Post & Tele Museum on 2nd October, so that we could at least prepare and mail some items with the handstamps.

Klaus held accreditation for the Bella Center and had managed to establish that the Post Office at the Center was actually operating, and also that a franking meter was in use with the Bella Center logo and name. Things were improving!

Items were prepared and mailed at the Post & Tele Museum as planned, and registered items were also sent from the adjoining Main Post Office to establish the process and documentation required. We were able to establish that the receipt for registered mail is cancelled with a dated text handstamp that identifies the individual post office.

Post Danmark  
Købmagergade Postkontor ☆

- 2 OKT. 2009

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Armed with this knowledge, and the fact that Klaus had access to the Bella Center, we prepared covers for registration at the Bella Center P.O. and passed our requests to Klaus.

As the counter clerks generally made up the franking from stamps (and space on envelopes was limited with a large registration label, we utilised the vending facility at the Main Post Office to print individual stamps of the correct value.

Persistence eventually yielded results as Klaus returned from the Bella Center late in the day with our registration receipts. We had a postal marking from the Bella Center during the IOC Session, on the day that Rio de Janeiro was selected!

Post Danmark  
Bella Center Postbutik

2 OKT. 2009

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The items mailed received a variety of cancels dated 02.10.09 during processing.

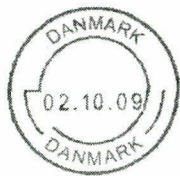
The majority received machine cancellations from the POSTCENTER, with 'wavy lines'.

The dater dial has been seen with the dial reading horizontally or vertically (bottom to top).



Some items received a handstamp. All copies seen have been partial impressions but it appears to be inscribed INTERNATIONAL / POSTCENTER-DK.

The franking meter used at the Bella Center could be used to produce impressions with or without 'A / Prioritaire' inserted between the logo and dater.



An A5 format registration receipt with Bella Center cancel, and a registered cover dated 02.10.09, mailed at the Bella Center but only cancelled in transit.

POSTKVITTERING  
INDLEVERINGSATTEST



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Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 Copenhagen  
Election of the host city for the  
XXXI. Olympic Summer Games 2016



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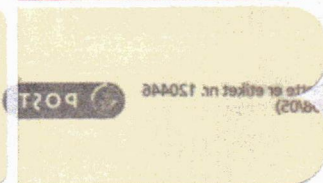
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UNITED KINGDOM

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Bella Center Postbutik

2 OKT. 2009

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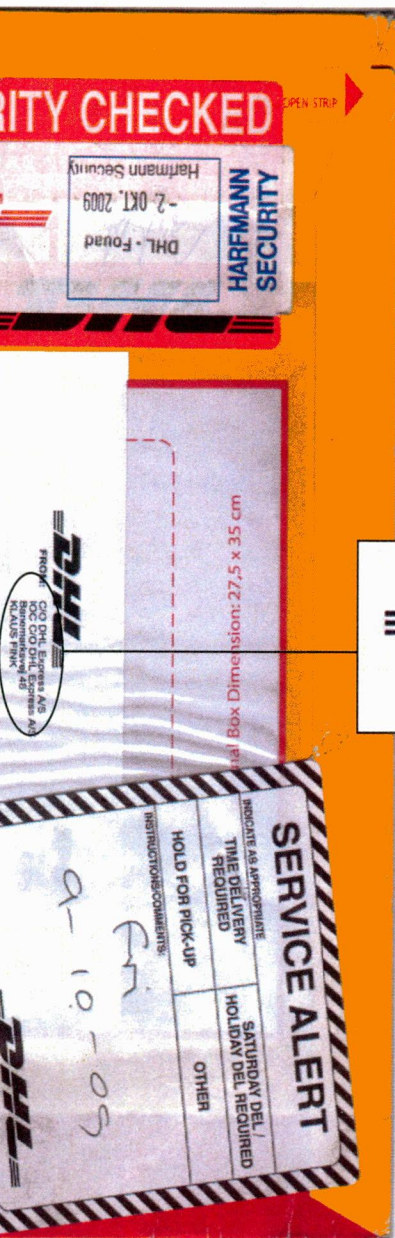
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Bob Farley  
 3 WAIN GREEN  
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 LINDSEY KINGSFERN



On a regular basis, the Express courier partner / sponsor of the I.O.C. have a service desk at strategic locations within the Olympic infrastructure at an Olympic Games. Locations would typically include the IBC / MPC, and the Olympic Family Hotel.

From previous experience, one tends to look for these service desks to see if there is any reference to their 'Olympic' status.

Thomas and I were therefore not surprised when Klaus announced that there was such a service desk in the Bella Center.

The minimum despatch fee for a document envelope (to accommodate A4 documents), was approximately £30.00.

**DHL**  
**FROM: C/O DHL Express A/S**  
**IOC C/O DHL Express A/S**  
**Banemarksvej 48**

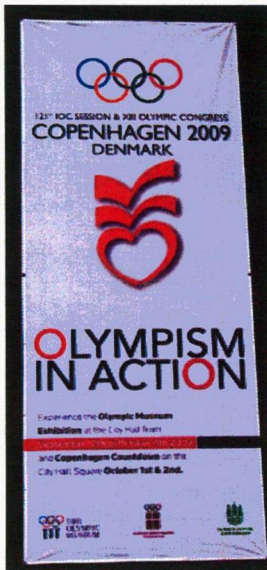
The receipt and transit documents have a clear indication that they were despatched from the IOC Session, as illustrated above.

There is however a mystery surrounding this service because DHL are not a partner or sponsor of the IOC and it is therefore surprising that they were the service provider at the 121st. I.O.C. Session.



Japanese supporters of the Tokyo bid were very evident in the days before the selection - they even enjoyed canine support! {above and right}.

Banners on City Hall promoted the Session & Congress. {below left}, and a stage was erected in the city square to allow the public to share in the countdown to selection. {below right}.





{Above} Creative cake designs for '2016' were showcased with 'The Sportscake story' in one café / patisserie window.

{Below} A section of the business centre in city square provided the official Copenhagen Media Lounge during the I.O.C. Session.



## LONDON 2012 Olympic Pictograms

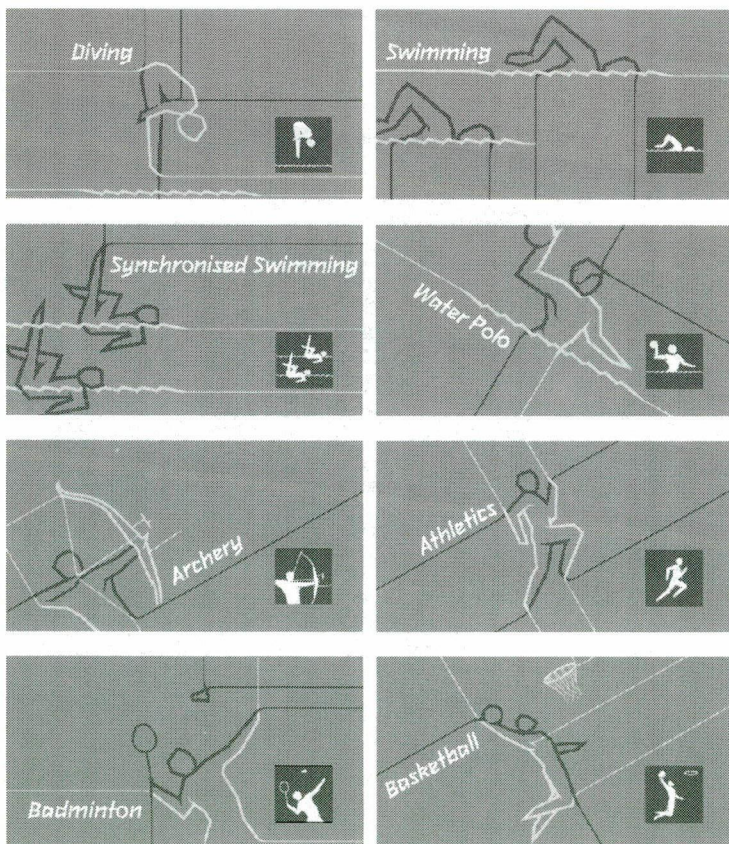
The designs of the London 2012 pictograms were unveiled on 16th. October, 2009 in time for the '1000 days to go' milestone.

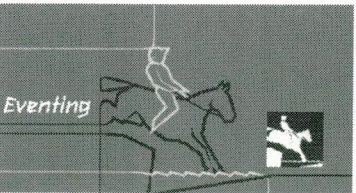
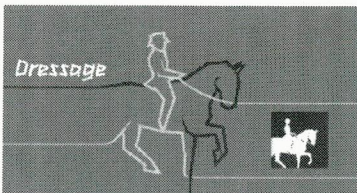
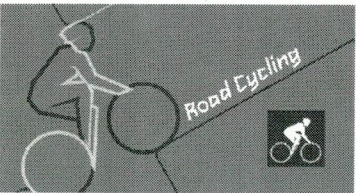
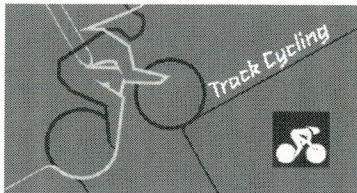
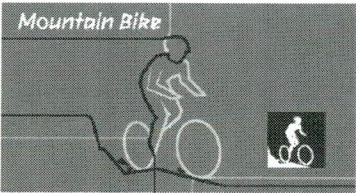
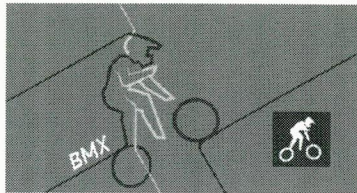
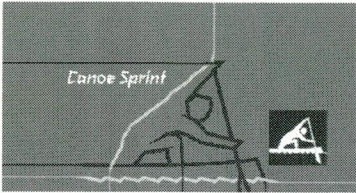
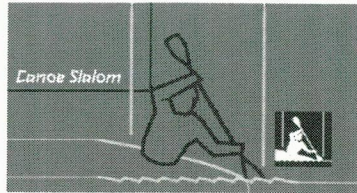
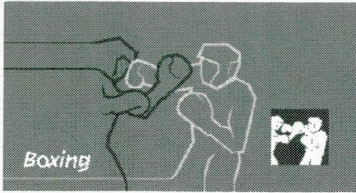
The pictograms will play an important role in signage at the time of the Games and will act as universal identifiers of the sporting disciplines.

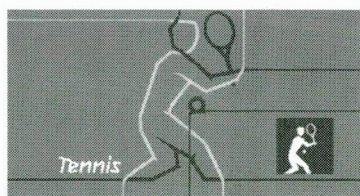
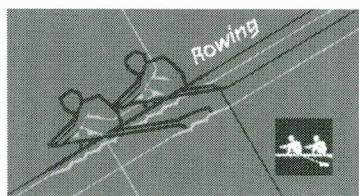
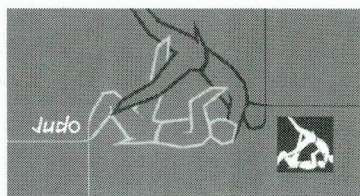
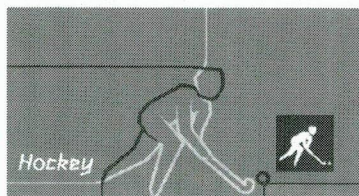
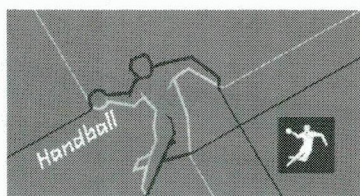
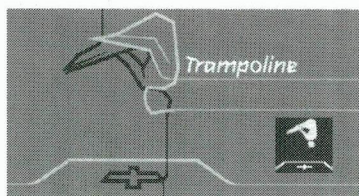
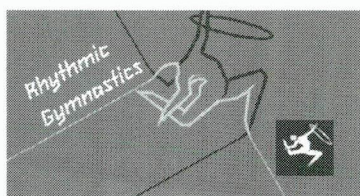
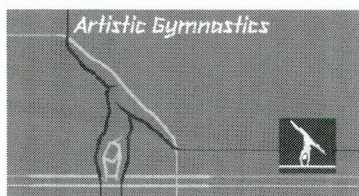
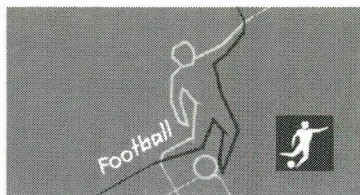
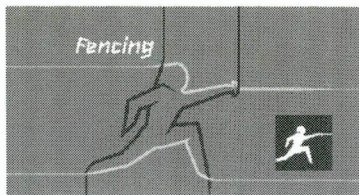
The pictograms exist in two basic types - 'Silhouette' and 'Dynamic'. The LOCOG website uses a combined design with text to introduce each sporting discipline.

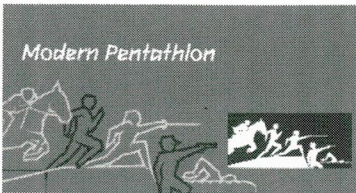
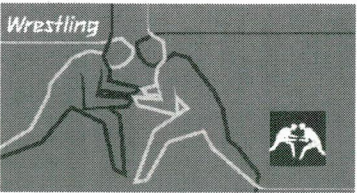
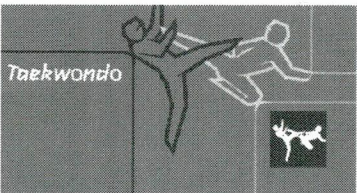
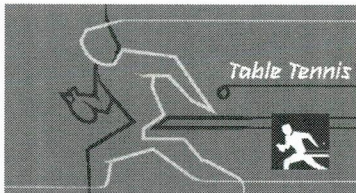
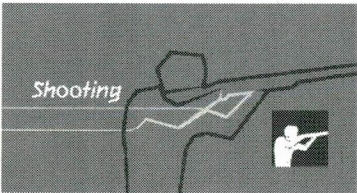
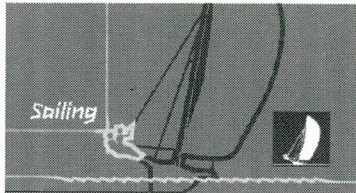
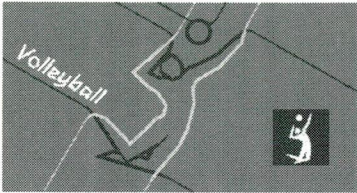
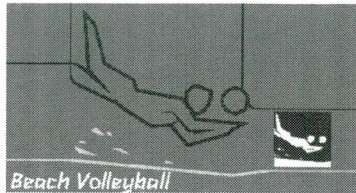
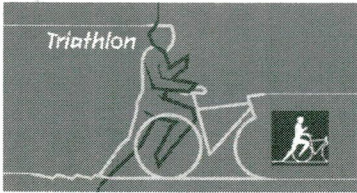
As reported in 'SmartStamps' SOC have used a number of the pictograms to compliment the stamps issued on 22.10.09. The SOC agreement with LOCOG only allows us to offer these items to SOC members. The use on SOC SmartStamps may be the only authorised philatelic use of the pictograms.

### 'Combined' designs with text



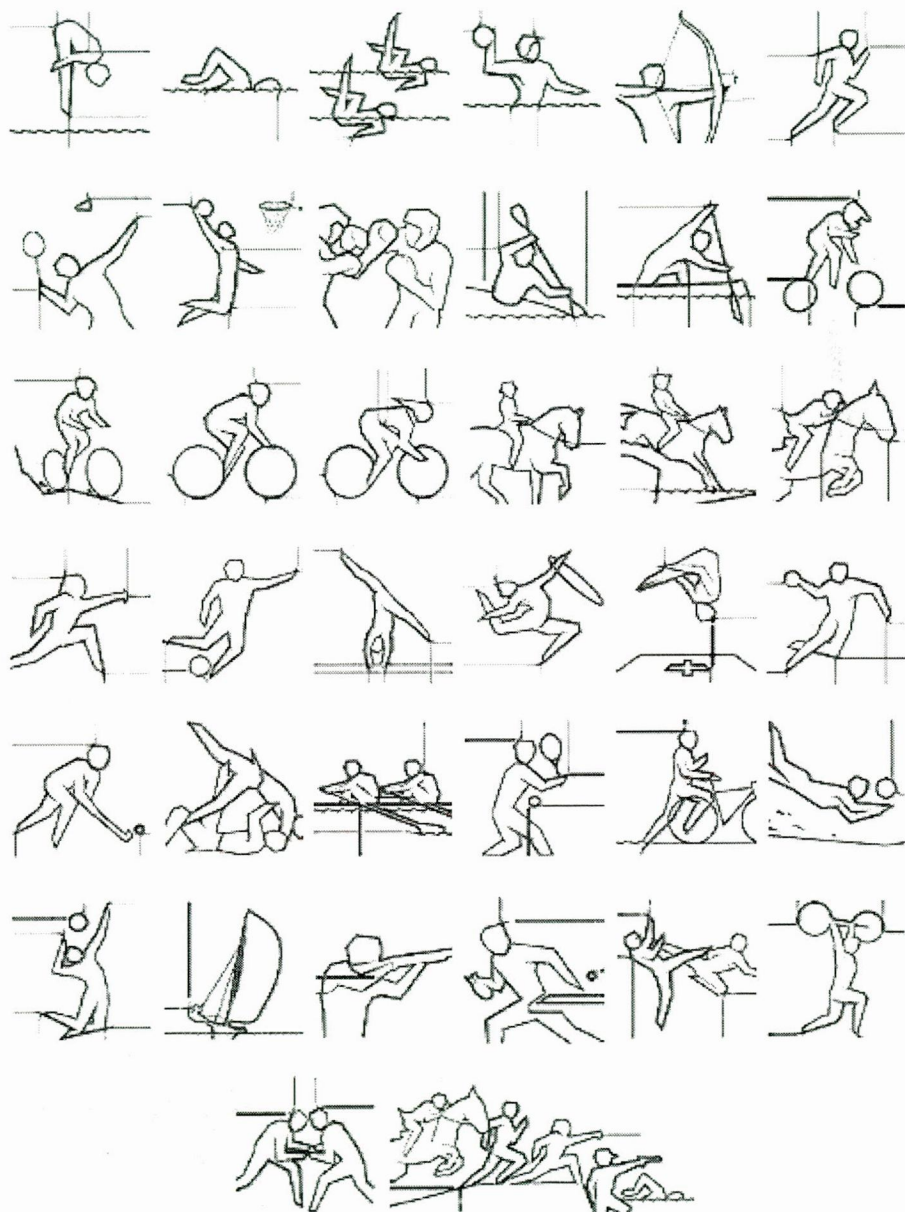








LONDON 2012 Olympic Pictograms - 'Dynamic' designs



## 22.10.09 Special Handstamps

### OFFICIAL FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



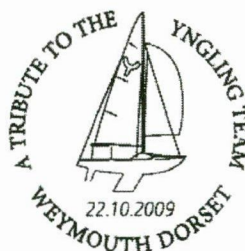
Two first day of issue handstamps were offered by Royal Mail:

TALLENTS HOUSE  
EDINBURGH  
illustrated with an athlete and  
tape, and -  
BADMINTON, GLOS illustrated  
with a slalom canoeist and tape.  
The relevance of the latter  
illustration has not yet been  
explained.



### WALES & THE WEST SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

Two handstamps dated 22.10.09 with Olympic significance were available from this handstamp centre, although a sailing design was not included in the initial issue of the 'Sporting disciplines'.



11519  
A TRIBUTE TO  
THE YINGLING  
TEAM /  
WEYMOUTH  
DORSET /  
22.10.2009

This handstamp relates to Beijing 2008.



11520  
BEN AINSLIE-  
SILVER & TRIPLE  
OLYMPIC GOLD  
MEDALLIST /  
Falmouth,  
Cornwall /  
22.10.2009

This handstamp relates to Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000, Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008.

### MIDLAND SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

To create a link to the archery design, a handstamp was available from this handstamp centre.

The village of Arrow in Warwickshire which did have a post office until recent years would perhaps have been a more appropriate choice.



11518  
SPORTS  
DISCIPLINES /  
Archers Close  
Birmingham 22 Oct  
2009

Sponsor: Midland SHC, Birmingham Mail Centre, St Stephens Street, Birmingham B6 4AA

## LONDON SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE



11516

GAMES /  
WEMBLEY /  
22.10.2009

Sponsor: Mr. J. Bevan, 204 Shenley Fields Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 5BL



11517

COUNTDOWN TO  
LONDON 2012 /  
GAMES OF THE /  
XXX OLYMPIAD /  
STRATFORD E15 /  
22.10.2009

Sponsor: Royal Mail, 35-50 Rathbone Place, London W1T 1HQ (for coin cover).



11522

SPORTING  
DISCIPLINES  
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LONDON  
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Sponsor: The Benham Group, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4RG



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Sponsor: The Benham Group, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4RG



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Paralympic  
Games /  
London  
22.10.09

Sponsor: Cotswold Covers & Stuart Covers, PO Box 100, York YO26 9SS



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SPORTING  
DISCIPLINES  
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MARSHGATE  
LANE,  
LONDON E15  
22-10-09

Sponsor: The Benham Group, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4RG



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DISCIPLINES  
2012 /  
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PARK,  
LONDON  
SE10 /  
22-10-09

Sponsor: The Benham Group, Folkestone,  
Kent CT19 4RG



11527  
SPORTING  
DISCIPLINES 2012  
/ BROXBOURNE,  
HERTFORDSHIRE  
/  
22-10-09

Sponsor: The Benham Group, Folkestone,  
Kent CT19 4RG



11528  
1969 - 40th Anniversary  
- 2009 / ENGLISH  
FIELD ARCHERY /  
ASSOCIATION / Bow -  
London - 22 October  
2009 / Sheridan Covers

Sponsor: Phil Sheridan, PO Box 99, Widnes,  
Cheshire WA8 0NN



11531  
22ND OCTOBER 2009 /  
STRATFORD, LONDON, E15

Sponsor: The Westminster  
Collection, PO Box 30, Watford,  
Herts WD24 4ZY



11529  
Slough, Berks / 22 October 2009 /  
*Kuzushi Judo*

Sponsor: Kuzushi Judo Club, Mr Dominic Reeks, 256  
Ipswich Road, Slough, Berkshire SL1 4EP



A variable date handstamp sponsored by Westminster Collection,  
PO Box 30, Watford, Herts WD24 4ZY has been announced for  
use between 5.11.2009 and 4.11.2010.

11557 - GREAT BRITAIN MEDAL HEROES / STRATFORD,  
LONDON, E15

This will no doubt be used on covers to celebrate British  
successes at 2010 events including the Olympic Winter Games.

# London 2012 - 22.10.09 Royal Mail ancillary items

10,000 copies of a composite sheet in A4 format with labels describing the sport and previous GB medals were issued. The sheet was sold at £13.50, a substantial premium over the £3.90 postage.

**Aquatics**  
 Swimming is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Diving was added to the programme in 1904. Basketball has been a Paralympic sport since 1960, was competitive during the 1952 Summer Paralympics in the United States (wheelchair), but has been included in Paralympic since 1984.

**Athletics**  
 Track and field has long been regarded as the heart of the Olympic Games, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1960. The wheelchair race of Paralympics is where the athletes compete under individual starting times. There is no wheelchair race in the Paralympics, but there are the most wheelchair, jumping and throwing events and the programme.

**Badminton**  
 This long established sport, which featured in the first Olympic Games in Athens in 1896. Paralympic badminton was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Basketball**  
 Paralympic basketball, wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball were introduced in 1984. The only team sport to have been in Paralympic since 1984. The Paralympic basketball was introduced in 1984. The Paralympic basketball is known as Paralympic basketball, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Boxing**  
 Boxing is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic boxing was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Canoeing**  
 Canoeing is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic canoeing was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Cycling**  
 Cycling is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic cycling was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Equestrian**  
 Equestrian is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic equestrian was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Fencing**  
 Fencing is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic fencing was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Football**  
 Football is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic football was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Gymnastics**  
 Gymnastics is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic gymnastics was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Judo**  
 Judo is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic judo was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Modern Pentathlon**  
 Modern Pentathlon is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic modern pentathlon was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Rowing**  
 Rowing is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic rowing was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Shooting**  
 Shooting is one of the original sports of the modern Olympics, having appeared at every Olympic Games since 1896. Paralympic shooting was introduced in 1984, and has been a Paralympic sport since 1984. The Paralympic Paralympic sport is known as Paralympic, which was the first appearance at Tokyo in 1984.

**Table Tennis**  
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**Tennis**  
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## 22.10.09 SmartStamps

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When the issue of the Sporting Disciplines series of stamps was announced by Royal Mail, it was obvious that a number of handstamps and sponsored handstamps would also be available for the first day of issue dated 22.10.2009.

Special handstamps should be considered as souvenir items rather than philatelic items because they can only be obtained by postal application and rarely bear any identification of a postal address or post office. To ensure that customers receive pristine items, covers are usually returned under protective cover. Requests for covers to be forwarded without protection are usually fulfilled, but sorting offices seem to recognise the covers and avoid adding any sorting or transit markings.

To create relevant covers, SOC decided to try and obtain the counter datestamps from the Post Offices that are nearest to the 2012 Olympic venues. These datestamps are usually only applied to Special Delivery (Registered) items, at a minimum franking of £4.95 per cover.

It has previously been reported how the counter datestamps can be obtained by using a mixed franking of SmartStamp and postage stamps (SmartStamps are of limited validity and therefore do not require a cancellation, any postage stamps on the same cover / item should be cancelled at the point of entry to the postal system to ensure that they are cancelled).

The Sporting Discipline stamps were 1st class (39p.) and the minimum SmartStamp value is 30p., therefore a rate in excess of 69p. was needed to create a SmartStamp & stamp franking. 1st class 'Signed for' service for up to 100gm. was 39p. + 75p. = £1.14.

A franking of £1.15 was achieved by using 1st class stamp 39p., with a 2nd class SmartStamp 2nd class large letter up to 250gm. of 76p. - 1p. overpaid.

Approval for a SmartStamp design for generic use by the S.O.C, had recently been obtained, and initial plans to use this SmartStamp were in place when the official London 2012 Pictograms were unveiled on the 16th October.

The Pictograms offered such an obvious opportunity to create commemorative covers for the first day of the stamp issue that an application for approval was submitted to LOCOG on the 18th (Sunday), and thanks to their cooperation approval was granted on the 20th. October.

We then had approval for the use of pictograms that directly related to the seven Olympic sports designs included on the stamp designs. For the Paralympic sports on the stamp designs, we had the option of Olympic pictograms for the equestrian and archery stamps, but no pictogram for boccia. After some deliberation we decided to use the SOC SmartStamp in conjunction with all of the Paralympic stamp designs to avoid misrepresenting the Olympic pictograms as Paralympic designs.

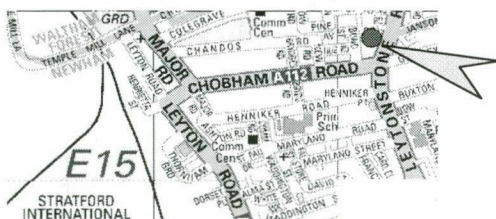
As the pictograms appeared in three versions, we still had choices to make and elected to use the 'combined' designs for single discipline covers and the 'silhouette' designs for dual discipline covers.





The nearest Post Office to each of the venues was identified, and covers were prepared. The logistics involved are complex, because the SmartStamps cannot be printed until the day before use to achieve the correct 'POST BY' date. The positioning of stamps, SmartStamps and 'Signed for' labels is quite time consuming.

Having prepared covers late into the evening of 21.10, Bob Wilcock and I set off to visit the identified post offices. We both soon realised that the time taken at each post office to process 'Signed for' covers would jeopardise reaching all the post offices during operational hours.



The nearest operational Post Office to the Olympic Park is:

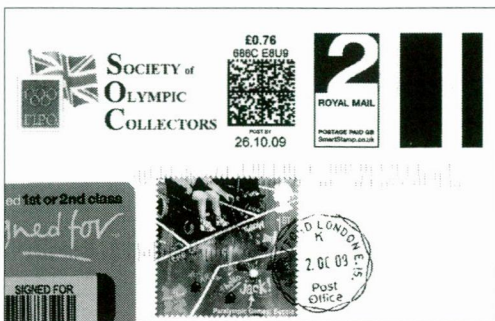
Leytonstone Road  
187 Leytonstone Road  
Stratford  
London  
Greater London

The 'Signed for' covers mailed at Stratford clearly identify the risk involved in trying to create postal items (rather than souvenirs), the covers received transit sorting marks which partially obscure the SmartStamp logo.

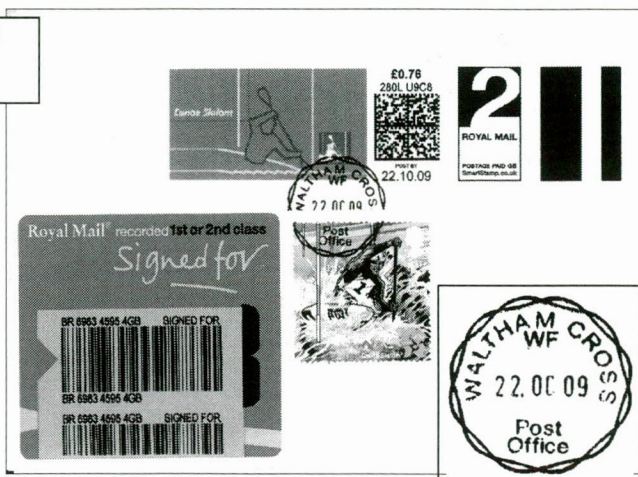
If the cover is collected purely for the themes represented by the pictograms, this detracts from the cover, however if collected as postal history, the transit mark can actually add interest to the cover. {See later comments on the impact of industrial action}.

**Olympic Park,  
Stratford.  
SOC SS2009-8D  
Boccia**

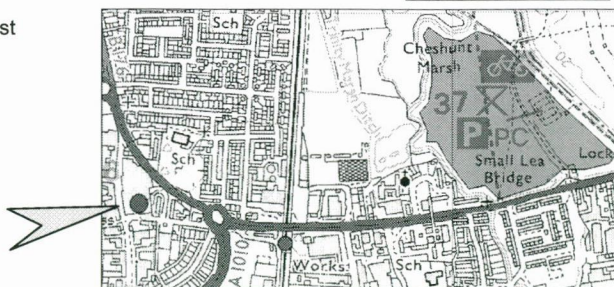
As a result of the time taken to process covers, it was not possible to mail the Boccia covers at Freemasons Road (ExCeL). Covers were mailed at Stratford because they utilised a faster 'bulk' facility.  
Note the 26.10.09 POST BY date.  
{see impact of industrial action}.



**Broxbourne Canoe Park  
SOC SS2009-6  
Canoe Slalom**



The nearest operational Post Office to the Broxbourne Canoe Park is:  
Waltham Cross  
71 Waltham Cross  
Shopping Pavillion  
High Street  
Waltham Cross  
Hertfordshire  
EN8 7BZ



The original site planned for the Broxbourne venue at the time of award in 2005 was further north, and the nearest postal facility was Hoddesdon.  
Site investigation prior to construction identified a number of difficulties with developing the original site which were overcome by relocating to the site at Waltham Cross (still within Broxbourne district).

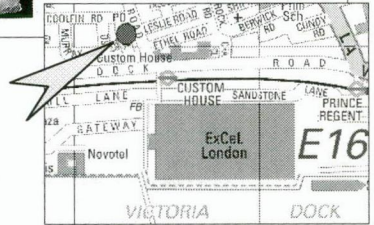
**ExCel Centre  
SOC SS2009-7  
Weightlifting  
Judo**



£0.30  
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POST BY  
22.10.09



The nearest operational Post Office to the ExCel centre is:  
Freemasons Road  
25 Freemasons Road Victoria Docks  
London, Greater London  
E16 3AR



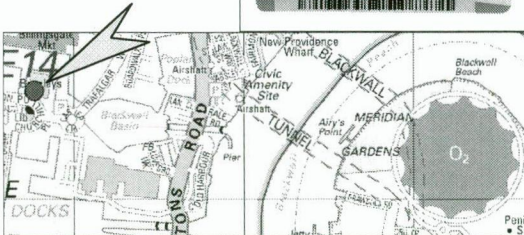
**Greenwich North Arena  
SOC SS2009-5  
Basketball**



£0.76  
884L X8BA  
POST BY  
22.10.09



The nearest operational Post Office to the Greenwich Arena (O<sup>2</sup>) is:  
Churchill Place  
2 Churchill Place  
London, Greater London  
E14 5RB



Note that this Post Office is located on the lower level of the building occupied by LOCOG.

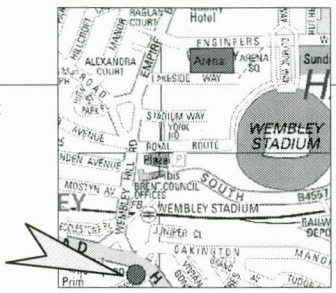
**Wembley Arena  
SOC SS2009-4  
Badminton**



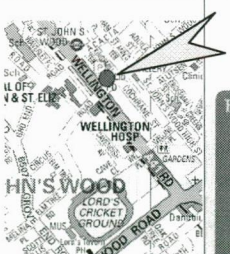
The London 2012 website confirmed the LOCOG preference for Badminton events to be held at the existing facility at Wembley Arena. On 22.10.08 this was still subject to the approval of the Inter-national Federation.



The nearest operational Post Office to the Wembley Arena is:  
Wembley Hill  
325 Harrow Road  
Wembley  
Middlesex  
HA9 6BA



**Lord's Cricket Ground  
SOC SS2009-8C  
Paralympic Archery**

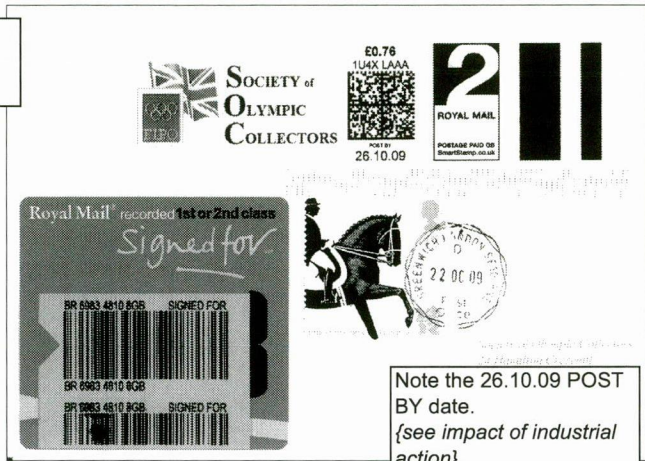


The nearest operational Post Office to Lord's Cricket Ground is:  
St Johns Wood  
28 - 32 Circus Road  
London, Greater London  
NW8 6PE



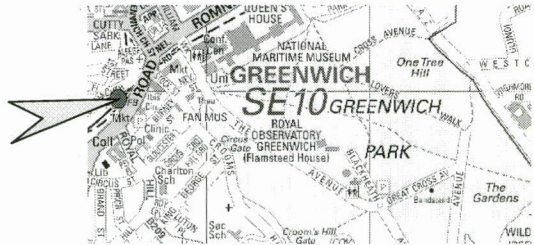
Note that Lord's Cricket Ground is the venue for the Olympic Archery competitions.  
The issued stamp is designated as Paralympic Archery.

**Greenwich Park  
SOC SS2009-8E  
Paralympic Equestrian**



Note the 26.10.09 POST BY date.  
{see impact of industrial action}.

The nearest operational Post Office to Greenwich Park is:  
Greenwich  
Bhamba Limited  
261-267 Greenwich High Road  
Greenwich  
Greater London  
SE10 8NE



To be sure that you receive the covers that you would like when the SOC produces similar souvenirs, there are a number of steps that you can take:

- 1 - Sign up for the email notification with Bob Wilcock [marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org](mailto:marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org) - you will be notified as soon as covers are available (and on occasion when they are planned).
- 2 - Subscribe to the SmartStamp standing order service on the Renewal Form - you can limit to only those items relating to London 2012 if you wish.
- 3 - Volunteer to assist with the production of SOC souvenir covers, particularly if you can reach any of the post offices near to 2012 venues (particularly those outside London).
- 4 - Attend the Members Meeting in February so that you can join the debate on future plans.

## SOC – 2009 Souvenirs

Number	Description	Price	No.	To pay
SS2009-1	London 2012 Open Weekend – 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	£2		
SS2009-1A	London 2012 Open Weekend – Airmail	£2		
MW 1	Penny Brookes bicentenary postcard mint	50p		
SS2009-2	Penny Brookes SmartStamp – 2 <sup>nd</sup> uprated (posted at Much Wenlock 13 August 2009)	£2		
<b>SmartStamp First Day Covers 22 October 2009</b>				
SS2009-3T	Athletics/aquatics Recorded Delivery Stratford [ink-jet] with transit cancel	£1.50		
SS2009-3A	Athletics/aquatics Airmail [laser]	£1.75		
SS2009-3B	Athletics/aquatics 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class [laser]	£1.50		
SS2009-4	Badminton – RD (signed for) Wembley [ink-jet]	£4		
SS2009-4A	Badminton Airmail [laser]	£1.75		
SS2009-4B	Badminton 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class [laser]	£1.50		
SS2009-5	Basketball - RD Churchill Place (LOCOG/O2)	£4		
SS2009-5A	Basketball Airmail [laser]	£1.75		
SS2009-5B	Basketball 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class [laser]	£1.50		
SS2009-6	Canoe Slalom – RD Waltham Cross [ink-jet]	£4		
SS2009-6A	Canoe Slalom Airmail [laser]	£1.75		
SS2009-6B	Canoe Slalom 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class [laser]	£1.50		
SS2009-7	Weightlift/Judo – RD Freemasons Rd (ExCel)	£4		
SS2009-7A	Weightlifting/Judo Airmail [laser]	£1.75		
SS2009-7B	Weightlifting/Judo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class [laser]	£1.50		
SS2009-8A	Society of Olympic Collectors Airmail [laser]	£1.75		
SS2009-8B	Society of Olympic Collectors 2 <sup>nd</sup> class [laser]	£1.50		
SS2009-8C	SOC + Archery – RD St. John's Wood (Lords)	£3		
SS2009-8D	SOC + Boccia – RD Stratford [ink-jet 26/10]	£3		
SS2009-8E	SOC + Equestrian – RD Greenwich [ink-jet 26/10]	£3		
<b>Set-RD</b>	<b>SS2009-3T, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8C-E [8 covers]</b>	<b>£23.50</b>		
<b>Set-SS</b>	<b>SS2009-3B to 8B [6 covers]</b>	<b>£8</b>		
<b>First Day Covers with Special Handstamps 22 October 2009 (single stamp)</b>				
11516	Games / Wembley - Athletics stamp	£1.50		
11517	Countdown Stratford - Weightlifting stamp	£1.50		
11518	Archers Close – Archery stamp	£1.50		
11522	Disciplines Flag – Aquatic stamp	£1.50		
11523	Disciplines Stars – Boccia stamp	£1.50		
11524	Shuttlecock – Badminton stamp	£1.50		
11525	Disciplines Athletics – Athletics stamp	£1.50		
11526	Disciplines Equestrian – Equestrian stamp	£1.50		
11527	Disciplines Canoe – canoe slalom stamp	£1.50		
11528	EFAA – Archery stamp	£1.50		
11529	Kuzushi Judo – Judo stamp	£1.50		
11531	Stylised Athlete – Basketball stamp	£1.50		
11519	Yngling Weymouth (on Weymouth Olympic card)	£2		
11520	Ben Ainslie (2008 Handover stamp)	£2		
<b>Set-FD</b>	<b>14 covers/card as above</b>	<b>£20</b>		
Postage	UK 50p      Europe £1      World £2 per order			
<b>Total</b>	PayPal <a href="mailto:marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org">marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org</a>	<b>Payable</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Send to Bob Wilcock 24 Hamilton Crescent, Brentwood, CM14 5ES with your name &amp; address</b>				

## London 2012 - 22.10.09 Impact of Industrial Action

The impact of industrial action by the members of the Communication Workers Union was unknown when preparing items for mailing on the 22.10.09, and the final decision that disruption would take place on the 22nd and 23rd October was not confirmed until late on the afternoon of the 21st. October.

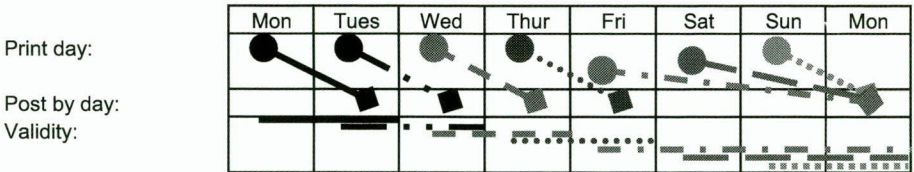
Earlier in the week attempts had been made to confirm that Post Office counter staff would be working and that 'Special Delivery' and 'Signed for' mail items would be accepted. Initial indications were that the Special Delivery Service would operate, and 'Signed for' items would be accepted. The guarantee of next day delivery was subsequently suspended, and a guaranteed delivery date of Saturday 24th. was stated at the time of mailing on the 22nd. It is interesting to note that the Saturday date was offered because during the operation of normal postal services Saturday is not considered as a delivery day for Special Delivery items unless the SG (Saturday Guarantee) premium is paid. In practice, 95% of the Special Delivery items mailed on the 22nd. were actually delivered on the 23rd.

The majority of Airmail items mailed on the 22nd to European addresses arrived on Monday 26th., earlier than 1st class items to domestic addresses.

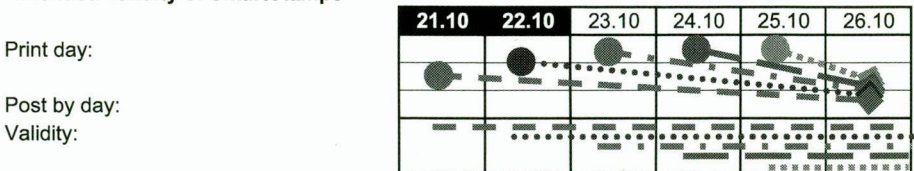
The validity date of SmartStamps printed from Sunday to Thursday is the day after printing. SmartStamps printed on Friday and Saturday have a validity date of Monday (end of the next working day).

SmartStamps were laser printed between 1:30 - 2:45am. and inkjet printed 8:45am. - 4:30pm. on the 21st. October. The initial printing and the majority of the second printing have a validity date of 22.10.09, however the final sheets of labels (after approximately 3:30pm.) have a validity date of 26.10.09. Royal Mail had obviously anticipated the failure of negotiations and reprogrammed their server to extend the validity period of the SmartStamps. The ability of Royal Mail to make this adjustment will be of interest to postal historians, and the covers franked with SmartStamps with POST BY date of 26.10.09 and a counter handstamp of 22.10.09 will serve witness to the event.

### Usual validity of SmartStamps

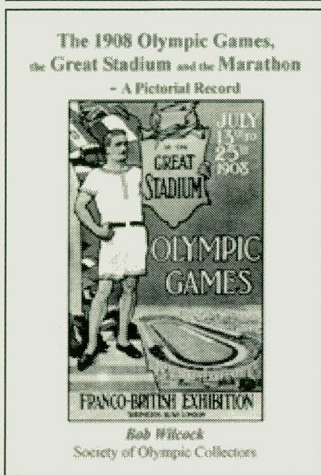


### Amended validity of SmartStamps



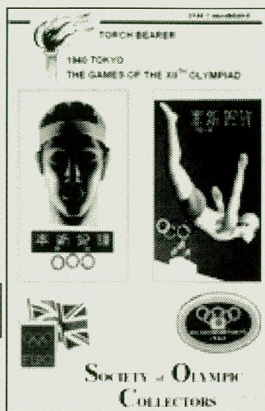
Join the free email notification service to receive and share updates on 'Olympic news'. You will receive information that misses Torch Bearer deadlines.

email to [marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org](mailto:marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org) to be included.



< A: London 1908

B: Tokyo 1940 >



Postage paid	G.B.	Europe	World	Total
A per copy	£10.00	£12.00	£16.00	
B per copy	£5.00	£6.00	£6.50	

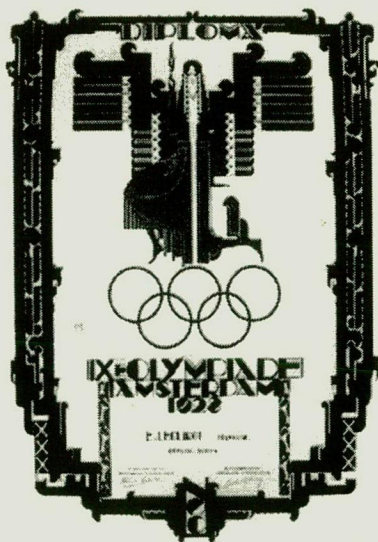
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**Standing Order Request for SOC SmartStamp covers**

- Service a) 1st class or 2nd class uprated with counter handstamp.
- Service b) Airmail
- Service c) Special Delivery with appropriate counter handstamp.
- Service d) Signed for with appropriate counter handstamp.

Note: Services c & d will only be available when a suitable handstamp is identified.

Please send orders & remittance to: R. Wilcock, 24 Hamilton Crescent, Brentwood, Essex CM14 5ES. [marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org](mailto:marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org)  
 Please make cheques payable to Society of Olympic Collectors.  
 Alternatively payment in £ Sterling may be made by Paypal to: [marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org](mailto:marathon@societyofolympiccollectors.org)



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## THE 31 BEIJING COMPETITION VENUES

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China Post activity at the time of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games can be allocated to one of the following headings:

- The Opening Ceremony and commencement of the Games;
- The 31 Competition venues and events in the Beijing area;
- The Olympic Infrastructure;
- Olympic venues and events in other cities / provinces;
- Olympex;
- Chinese Gold Medal winners;
- The Closing Ceremony and handover to London 2012.

Detailed information about the operation of postal services at the 31 competition venues in the Beijing area will only become available as spectators at each venue share their experiences and observations. It should be noted that the experience of two visitors on different dates can be completely different, and a single report can only provide details of what did occur on a specific visit, it cannot be used to draw any conclusions about the lack of services or cancellations.

The introduction of pictorial cancellations at the 31 competition venues was reported in the Chinese magazine 'Philately' and the following translation with italicised comments has been provided by Ellis Kwan.

### **The Launch of the 31 pictorial postmarks of the competition venues of the Beijing Olympic Games** *(Page 31, August 2008 issue of "Philately" magazine)*

In order to serve stamp collectors and to further record every magnificent moment of the Beijing Olympics, the Beijing Post Company had gradually launched 31 pictorial postmarks of the 31 Olympic competition venues from 22 MAY 2008 to 22 JUL 2008.

These steel cancelation devices are 30mm in diameter. For the numbering of the postmark dies, #1, #4, #5, #6 and #7 were used in the district post offices where the competition venues were situated. *(For information, the TPO of the competition venues were operated by these district level post offices. Items mailed in these TPO would be processed by these district post offices. This is why items mailed in the TPO (principally) received the pictorial postmarks with the numbers stated above.)* #2 pictorial postmark was used in the philatelic bureau of the regional level post office *(For information, a regional post office administrates a number of district level post offices)*. #3 pictorial postmark was used in the philatelic bureau of the city level post office *(For information, a city level post office administrated a number of regional level post offices)*. The #8, #9 and #10 pictorial postmarks were those kept for reserve use. *(As was witnessed on the initial two days at Olympex the Olympic Expo, where the #8 postmarks were used.)*

The Beijing Post Company had laid down several rules for the usage of these pictorial postmarks. Firstly, pictorial postmarks had to be applied onto philatelic products issued by the postal authorities.

Collectors had to apply the appropriate stamps (= sufficient postage) on blank covers, postcards and pieces of papers when they applied for these postmarks. The wording "Philatelic item" had to be marked on these items, otherwise, postal staff had the right to reject the applications. Secondly, the date inscribed in the postmarks had to be matched with the day of applications. No back-dated or advance-dated applications would be entertained. Third, the usage guides for these pictorial postmarks were identical to the ones of ordinary postmarks. These postmarks had to be kept and used by designated personnel. Fourth, these postmarks were to serve the collectors, without prior instructions, staff were prohibited from suspending the use of these postmarks.

In addition, the Beijing Post Company stated that no special charge would be levied on the use of these postmarked until the end of September, but, from the 1st of October onwards, requests for these postmarks would be charged in accordance with the prevailing rules (50 fen for each one I guess). These pictorial postmarks would be abolished once the new venue pictorial postmarks were introduced for future use.

*(Traditionally, pictorial postmarks depicting important local landmarks are used as a philatelic souvenir in the philatelic bureau of the post offices at various levels, the future introduction of pictorial postmarks depicting the Bird's nest and Water Cube should be anticipated.)*



Bird's Nest, National Stadium

Beijing Institute of  
Technology Gymnasium



Water Cube, National  
Aquatics Center

Laoshan Mountain Bike  
Course



Beijing Olympic Basketball  
Gymnasium

Fengtai Sports Center  
Softball Field





Road Cycling Course

Beijing University of  
Aeronautics & Astronautics  
Gymnasium



Peking University  
Gymnasium

Laoshan Velodrome (LSV)



Beijing Olympic Green  
Hockey Stadium

University of Science and  
Technology Beijing  
Gymnasium



National Indoor Stadium

China Agricultural University  
Gymnasium (CAG)



Beijing University of  
Technology Gymnasium

Chaoyang Park Beach  
Volleyball Ground





Beijing Workers' Stadium



Beijing Shooting Range CTF



Beijing Olympic Green Archery Field



Fencing Hall of National Convention Center



Beijing Olympic Green Tennis Court



Shunyi Olympic Rowing - Canoeing Park



Ming Tombs Triathlon Venue



Capital Indoor Stadium



Yingdong Natatorium of National Olympic Sports Center



Beijing Shooting Range Hall



Olympic Sport Center  
Stadium



Olympic Sports Center  
Gymnasium (OSG)



Laoshan Bicycle Moto Cross  
(BMX) Venue



Beijing Workers' Gymnasium



Beijing Wukesong Sports  
Center Baseball Field

Our arrival in Beijing on the 1st August allowed the opportunity to visit post offices before the Olympic Games commenced, and this usually provides the opportunity to gather information and plan our campaign for post office visits during the Games.

On this occasion, information was sparse, but we did find temporary mailing boxes and cachets at most post offices that we visited. Three boxes for mailing philatelic items were usually provided:

- For cancelling 06.08.08, arrival of the Olympic relay in Beijing;
- For cancelling 08.08.08, Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games (Bird's Nest Stadium 'text' postmark);
- For cancelling 09.08.08, First competition events of the Olympic Games (Water Cube 'text' postmark).

Appropriate cachets were available for each occasion bearing the above dates. The illustrations on the mail boxes were all dated 08.08.08, and as a result we mailed very few items in the Relay and Water Cube boxes to avoid a conflict between the date of cachet and postmark. It transpired that the illustrations on the boxes displayed the wrong dates.

We duly added cachets to items and mailed in the 'Bird's Nest' mail box at a number of post offices, but after a while decided that if they would all receive the same cancel, the amount of duplication would be excessive, and ignored the mail boxes at further post offices.

We intended to mail items to our hotel so that we would be able to see the results of our labours, and to utilise the domestic postal rate. At the International Post Office (the second visited), our attention was drawn to the fact that addresses within China needed to be written in Chinese characters - this started a process to obtain address labels that could be the subject of a whole article.

A number of cachets were found as we visited different post offices, and those relating to the Bird's Nest Stadium are illustrated below:



National Stadium post office. 2008.08.08



Good Luck from Main Stadium. 2008.08.08



Torch relay towards the Bird's Nest 2008.8.8.



National Stadium.



Best wishes from the on-site opening ceremony.



In Commemoration of the Opening Ceremony of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad. 2008.08.08

Items began to arrive at the hotel whilst we were on an excursion to Qingdao, so we had our first opportunity to examine covers on the 14th.

It was immediately apparent that we had made two mistakes: we took notice of the illustrations on the mail boxes and restricted mailing torch relay and Water Cube items - the dates of cancels were correct as 06.08 and 09.08 (not as illustrated); we stopped mailing items to avoid excessive duplication - the cancels used all included a die number, and it appeared that each post office had used a different numbered die to cancel the items placed in the philatelic mail boxes (on reflection, it may be that each district post office collected and cancelled items from smaller branches).

This led to an unknown number of dies being available. A selection between numbers 1 - 161 are illustrated on the following page. {Copies of other numbers from members would be very helpful. Ed.}

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Bird's Nest National Stadium (Temp) xx / Beijing

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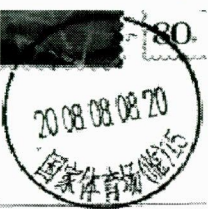
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Die 8

Die 12



Die 13

Die 15

Die 17

Die 34

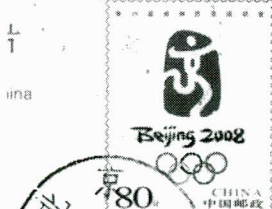


Die 52

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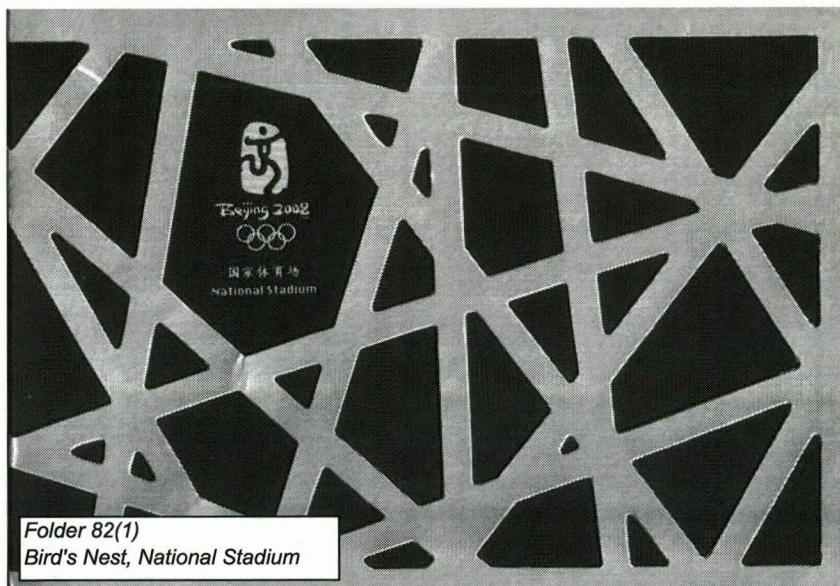


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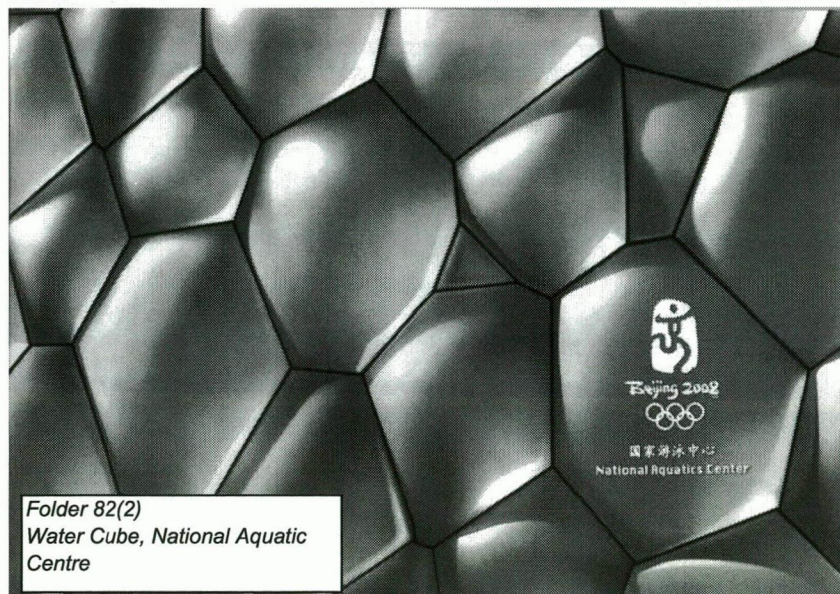
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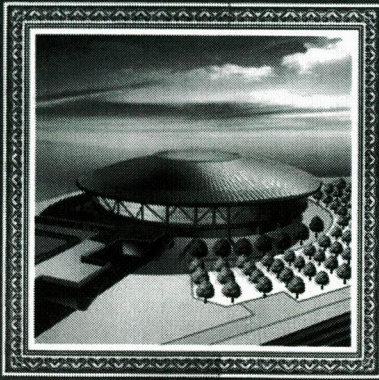
The 31 competition venues were also commemorated by a series of individual folders which seemed to be introduced over the period of the Games. The folders for the two most iconic stadia, the Bird's Nest and Water Cube were individual designs, for all other folders a common format was used.



Folder 82(1)  
Bird's Nest, National Stadium



Folder 82(2)  
Water Cube, National Aquatic Centre



老山自行车馆  
Laoshan Velodrome

第29届奥林匹克运动会竞赛场馆  
The Games of the XXIX Olympiad Competition Venues



Folder 82(5)  
Laoshan Velodrome  
(common folder format)

Each of the 31 competition venues folders contained a venue specific personal-ised stamp sheet, with an illustrated central gutter depicting the venue. The tabs of the stamps show the mascots taking part in the events to be held at the venue.



For those stadia depicted in the venue stamp issue of 2007, a strip of three stamps, or the miniature sheet for the Bird's Nest was also included in the folder. For all other venues the vignette sheet illustrated, showing the mascots was included

## BEIJING 2008 - POSTAL STATIONERY PACKS

China Post introduced a number of postal stationery items through 2007 and 2008 which appear to target the overseas visitors to the Olympic Games because the majority were pre-paid at international rate. The face designs of the international pre-paid postcards feature tourist attractions.

China Post has an extensive network of post offices, but the availability of postage stamps for use on mail is relatively restricted. Clerks generally have a clip-board with strips of the most common values. The range of designs and values is usually minimal, and very few included stamps with Olympic designs - in fact with the exception of main post offices, the only counter where Olympic stamps were seen being sold for postage was at Beijing airport as we departed.

The international stationery items provided an extremely convenient way for tourists to mail greetings and seemed to prove very popular, sales during the early period of the Olympic Games were high, and later, supplies were more difficult to find.

Domestic stationery items were particularly popular with collectors for obtaining postmarks and cachets.

Identifying the individual cards within each series is difficult as the clear reference number on the pack or folder, and on the back of each card is B81 which seems to refer to the postal indicia (the Beijing 'dancing man' logo with 4.50 Yuan value), and the more discrete number on the face of each card is common to all designs in each pack or folder.

### International 4.50 Yuan Postal Stationery cards Ref: B81



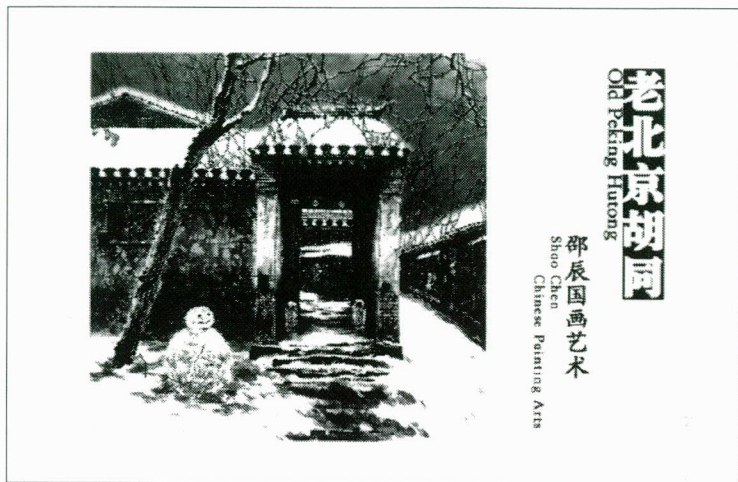
## Old Peking Hutong.

Shao Chen, Chinese Painting Arts.

Booklet of five cards, series: 2007(0115)-0007

- White Pagoda Temple;
- Former Residence of Mei Lanfang;
- Lane with a Vernal Boom {Bloom?};
- Belltower with remnant snow;
- Moon Shadow with Gentle Breeze.

Booklet cover

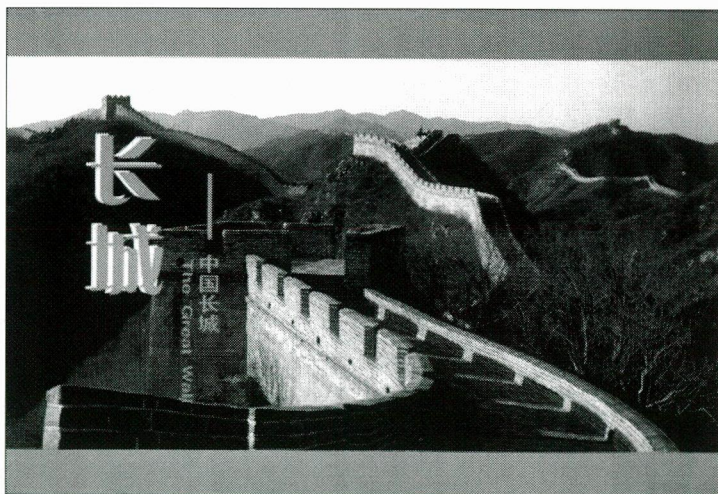


## The Great Wall

Folder of five cards, series: 2007(0115)-0008

- 5 x horizontal views of the Great Wall.

Folder front

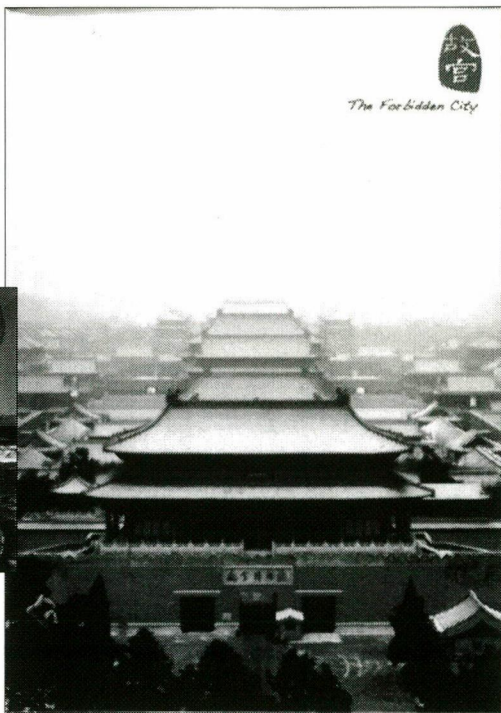


### The Forbidden City

Folder of five cards,  
series: 2007(3300)-0001  
- 4 x horizontal, and 1 x vertical  
views of the Forbidden City.

*Folder front >*

*One of the view cards.*

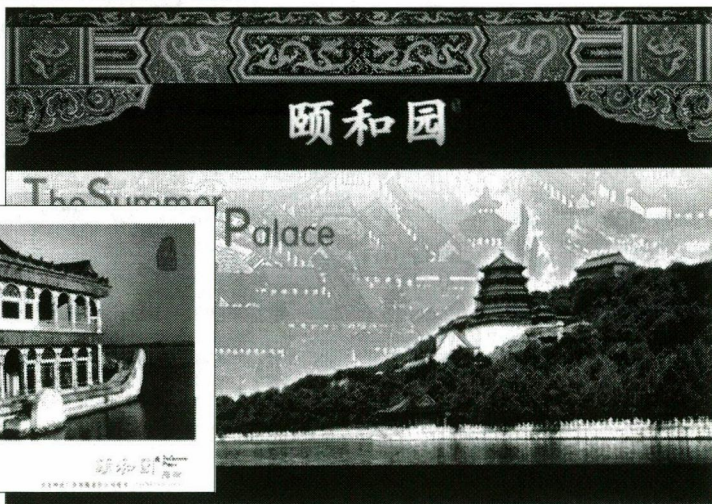
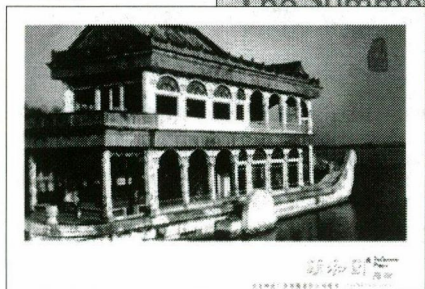


### The Summer Palace

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series: 2007(3300)-0002  
- 5 x horizontal views of the Summer Palace.

*Folder front >*

*One of the view cards.*

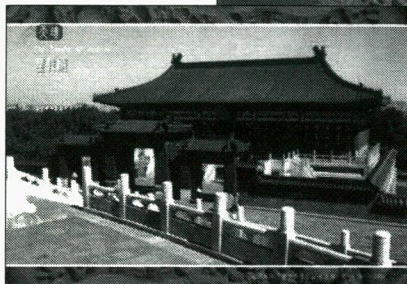


## The Temple of Heaven

Folder of five cards, series: 2007(0115)-0003  
- 5 x horizontal views of the Temple of Heaven.

*Folder front >*

*One of the view cards.*



## Peking Opera

Pack of ten cards, series: 2008(0115)-0004  
- 10 x vertical designs showing opera costumes / characters.

*Pack front >*



*One of the cards.*

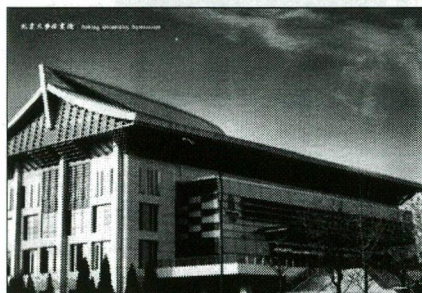
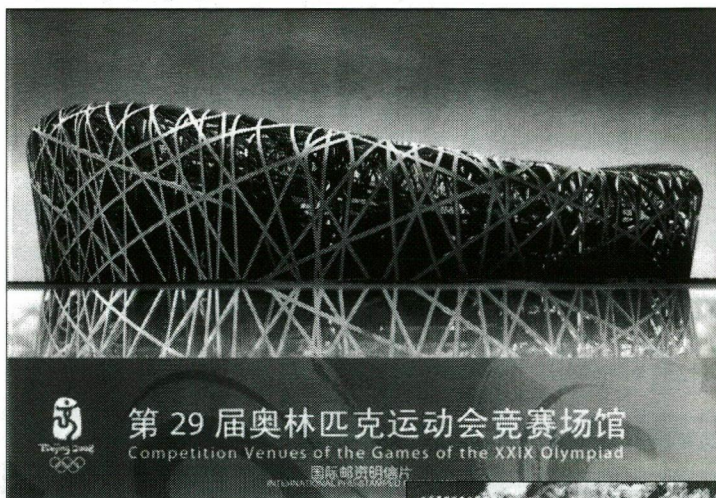


## Competition Venues of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (165 x 115mm.)

Folder of ten cards, with identifying reference numbers.

- (10-1) National Stadium.
- (10-2) National Aquatics Center.
- (10-3) National Indoor Stadium.
- (10-4) Beijing Shooting Range Hall.
- (10-5) Beijing Olympic Basketball Gymnasium.
- (10-6) Laoshan Velodrome.
- (10-7) China Agricultural University Gymnasium.
- (10-8) Peking University Gymnasium.
- (10-9) Beijing University of Technology Gymnasium.
- (10-10) Beijing Olympic Green Tennis Court.

Folder  
front >



*Above left: Peking University  
Gymnasium.  
Above: Beijing Olympic Green  
Tennis Court.  
Left: China Agricultural  
University Gymnasium.*

## Competition Venues and Mascots of the XXIX Olympiad (lenticular '3D' designs)

Sold as a set of five cards. (with B1 backs).

- 5 x mascot playing sport overlaid on venue (mascot as 'moving' image).

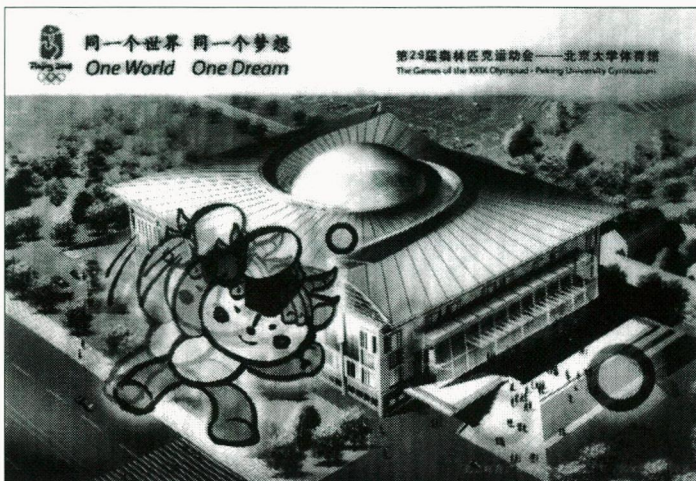
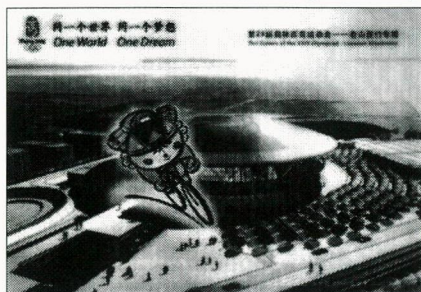


Table tennis, Peking University Gymnasium.



Cycling, Laoshan Velodrome.



Handball, National Indoor Stadium.



Diving, National Aquatic Centre.



Ceremonies, National Stadium.

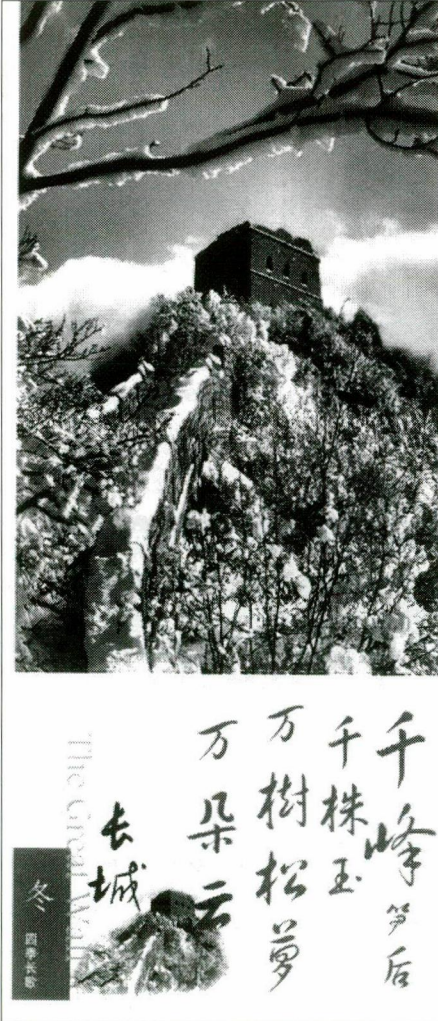
Domestic 0.80 Yuan Postal Stationery cards Ref: 01

The Great Wall

Concertina of four vertical cards, series: 2008(0100)-0010

Each card with a joined 'counterfoil' mini-view to retain.

- View in spring (2008(0100)-0010(4-1))
- View in summer (2008(0100)-0010(4-2))
- View in autumn (2008(0100)-0010(4-3))
- View in winter (2008(0100)-0010(4-4))



View in winter (2008(0100)-0010(4-4))



## Mascots + One World One Dream mini-cards (125 x 78mm.) Individual references

Sold as a set in clear wrapper, or in a Welcome to Beijing folder.

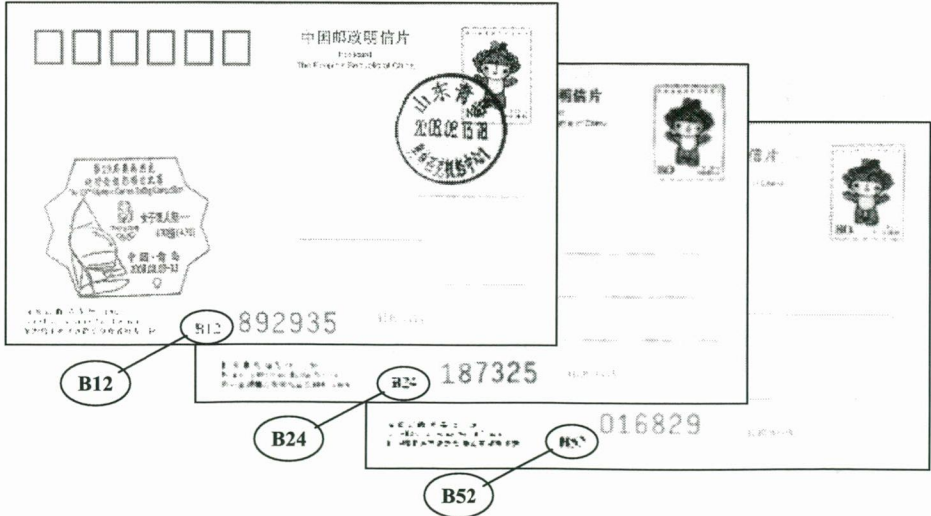
- 'One World One Dream', dancing man logo as indicia. B11, B23, or B51 2007(1301)-1901.
- Beibei as design and indicia. B12, B24 or B52 2007(1301)-1909.
- Jingjing as design and indicia. B13, B25 or B53 2007(1301)-1907.
- Huanhuan as design and indicia. B14, B26 or B54 2007(1301)-1903.
- Yingying as design and indicia. B15, B27 or B55 2007(1301)-1905.
- Nini as design and indicia. B16, B27 or B56 2007(1301)-1908.

Cards numbered B11-B16 are from clear wrappers, B24-B27 are from a folder.  
The cards numbered B52-B56 are also from a clear wrapper.

Thomas Lippert first noticed that these cards existed with different numbers, and drew this to the attention of others. A number of packs of these cards were purchased at the Stamp Market and it appears that these are the cards numbered B51-B56.. At the time, despite the numbers being different, we missed the fact that the face of the cards have had the Beijing and China Mobile logos added with a reference number 2007(1301)-19xx, so these cards have been adapted for use as advertising items.

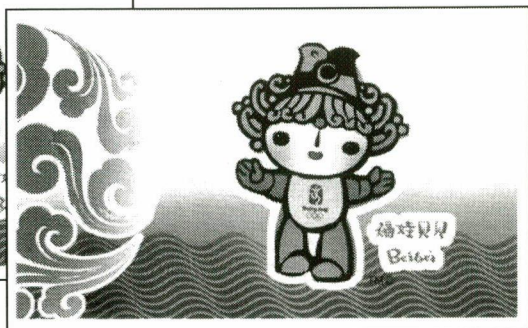


Folder with 'cut-out' to display Huanhuan.





B52 - China Mobile



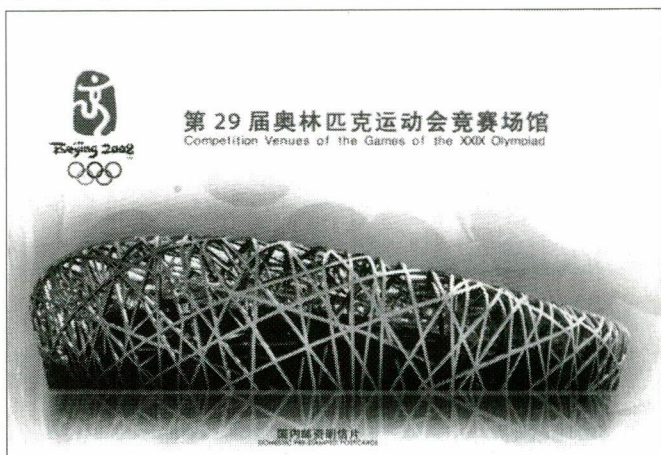
B24 (and B12) China Post regular issue.

**Competition Venues of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (150 x 100mm.)**

Folder of ten cards, with identifying reference numbers.

Designs (10-1) to (10-10) all as the International series.

Folder  
front >



Beijing Shooting Range Hall.



National Indoor Stadium.

## Book Reviews: 1908

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### **The First London Olympics 1908** by Rebecca Jenkins

272pp. Piatkus Books, ISBN 978-0-7499-5168-9; RRP £16.99 (Amazon £11.89)

This is the most expensive of the books, but is the best researched, is well written, well illustrated, and easy and interesting to read. It concentrates on the athletics in the stadium and on the marathon, and largely passes by the events outside the stadium and in the autumn. Detailed footnotes show the wide range of sources and authorities studied, and most are contemporary 1908 sources, and there is a good index. For the aspects of the Games it covers, this is the most authoritative book.

### **Olympic Follies: The Madness and Mayhem of the 1908 London Games** by Graeme Kent

234pp. JR Books, ISBN 978-1-906217-49-5; RRP £14.99 (£11.49)

This is a wider ranging review, and looks at least briefly at the whole spectrum of sports. There is an impressive bibliography, but more sources are modern than contemporary. The background information on the Games and competitors is potentially informative, but mistakes dotted throughout mean that the whole book needs to be read with caution, which is a shame because there is a lot of information here which is not covered by the other books.

### **The 1908 Olympics: the First London Games** by Keith Baker

178pp. paperback, SportsBooks Ltd, ISBN 978-1-899807-61-1; RRP £7.99 (£5.99)

While half the price sadly means half the content, this is still a useful book covering the key elements of the Games. Although there is no index, sources are stated throughout, and there is a list of the medallists at the end. The first half consists of chapters giving a general overview of the Games followed by chapters devoted to key personalities: Halswelle, Hayes and Dorando of course, but also Rose, Sheridan, Longboat, Henry Taylor, Madge Syers, and Snowy Baker, plus Lord Desborough. It would have been nice to see more coverage, but as far as it goes this is an easy-to-read work.

### **The Marathon Makers** by John Bryant

332pp. John Blake Publishing Ltd, ISBN 978-1-84454-560-5; RRP £14.99 (£10.49)

John Bryant is former Editor-in-Chief of the Daily and Sunday Telegraph, and his journalistic background shines through this book. It has quite a racy style with the stories advanced through conversations between the key players, fictional, but based on fact and recorded documentation. His researches into Dorando took him to Italy, and he was instrumental in bringing the Queen's Cup to London for this year's London Marathon Exhibition. Similarly his interest in Johnny Hayes took him to the USA, and brought Johnny Hayes much-cherished Gold Medal to England. While primarily devoted to the marathon, other aspects of Anglo-American dispute are looked at: Ralph Rose and the flag, the tug-of-war, and the infamous Halswelle affair. There is an index, and an appendix details Dorando Pietri's marathon career. Sebastian Coe provided a forward, and many of the illustrations come from SOC.

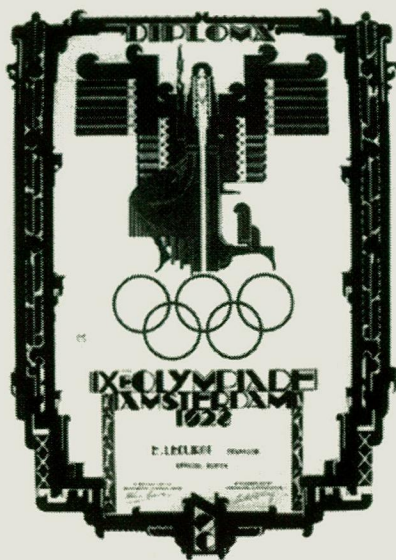
### **The 1908 Olympic Games: Results for All Competitors in All Events, with Commentary** by Bill Mallon and Ian Buchanan

516pp. McFarland & Co. Inc, ISBN 0-7864-059808 (2000)

This is absolutely indispensable, you cannot study 1908 without it! Out of print, look out for it on eBay, Amazon or [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com). Originally hardback, a paperback edition is due to be released as Torch Bearer goes to press (Amazon £54.50).

## 1908 Centenary Souvenirs

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SOC 2008-1	Advertising card for the book	Free		
SOC 2008-2	1908 poster postcard (mint)	£1.25		
SOC 2008-3 & 4	Dorando, & Dorando+Hayes at line—pair	£1.25 pr.		
SOC 2008-3 or 4 Ca	Carpi Dorando FD postmark 23.2.08	£1.50		
SOC 2008-3 or 4 SR	San Remo Dorando FD postmark 23.2.08	£1.50		
SOC 2008-3 or 4 Co	Correggio Dorando FD postmark 23.2.08	£1.50		
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SS 2008-3	London Marathon Exhibition SmartStamp (2nd class) on card SOC 2008-3 or 4	£2.00		
It 15-3(Ca)	Carpi cancel on Olympic postcard	£1.50		
It 15-3(An)	Ancona cancel on Ancona Dorando postcard	£1.50		
It 22-5	Dorando da Ciclista on Ol. postcard (various)	£1.50		
It 24-7	Monument cancel on "myth" postcard	£1.50		
Can 27-4 WC	White City 27 April 2008 cancel on London 2012 stamp on poster card	£1.50		
<b>24 July 2008 Centenary SmartStamps</b>				
SS 2008-4	"The Great Marathon—the Start" SmartStamp depicting Longboat & Dorando on card SOC 2008-4 with Windsor handstamp 24 July 2008	£3 the pair (postally used)		
SS 2008-5	"The Great Marathon—the Start" SmartStamp depicting Dorando & Hayes on card SOC 2008-3 with Shepherd's Bush cancel 24 July 2008			
<b>24 July 2008 Centenary handstamps on stamp and vignette from Royal Mail Commemorative sheet issued on that day - very limited supply - only 1 set per member!</b>				
Can 24-7 OG	London 1908 Olympic Games cancel on card SOC 2008-2 (1908 poster)	£4.00		
Can 24-7 Wi	Windsor cancel on cover showing map of marathon start	In set only		
Can 24-7 WC	White City cancel on cover reproducing coloured stadium postcard	In set only		
Can 24-7(3)	Set of 3 cancels	£8.50		
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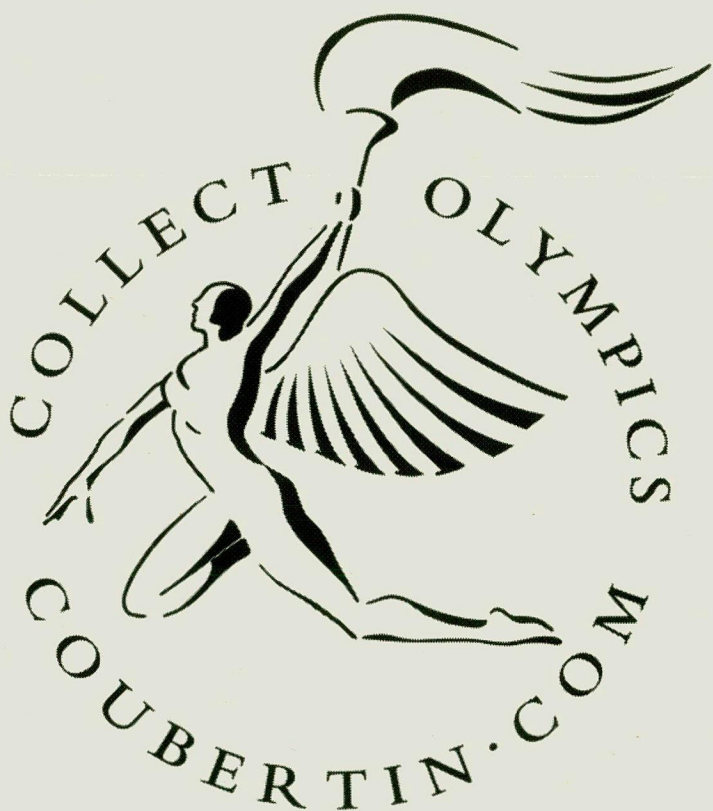
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