

UNITED KINGDOM FIRST DAY CACHETS

IXth British Commonwealth Games

SUBJECT :

IXth British Commonwealth Games held in Edinburgh, Scotland, 16 to 25 July 1970. 42 countries attended and 121 events were staged. To commemorate this event three stamps and associated First Day Covers (FDC's) were issued on 17th July 1970 either by the British Post Office or privately.

THE ISSUED STAMPS - Games commemorative issue consists of three stamps, the first UK issue printed in 'Delacryl' (an offset litho technique) by De La Rue. 5d. local first class rate; 1s. 6d. and 1s. 9d. representing the airmail letter base rates to Commonwealth countries. All withdrawn 15th July 1971.

PLAN/SCOPE - FDC printing techniques, distribution and quantities issued when recorded, are shown. Variety of special FDI handstamps were in use.

TREATMENT - Chronological. Post Office cachets followed by private cachets.

RARITY - Important items backed in red. Several cachets difficult to acquire.

REFERENCE - Archives of the British Postal Museum.

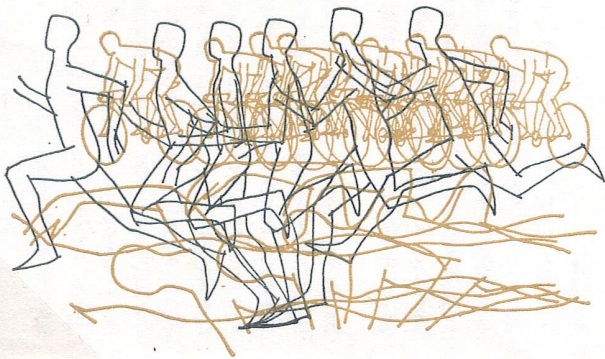


IX Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh, Scotland postcard. Printed by Valentine printers and publishers.

Post Office FDC's. Printed in two colour litho. Hand stamped 'Edinburgh British Philatelic Bureau' on FDI. Quantity printed of 'SPECIMEN' cachets not recorded. Cachet designer - Andrew Restall.

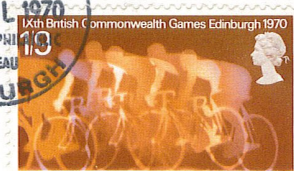
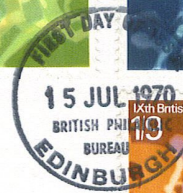
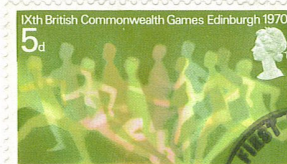
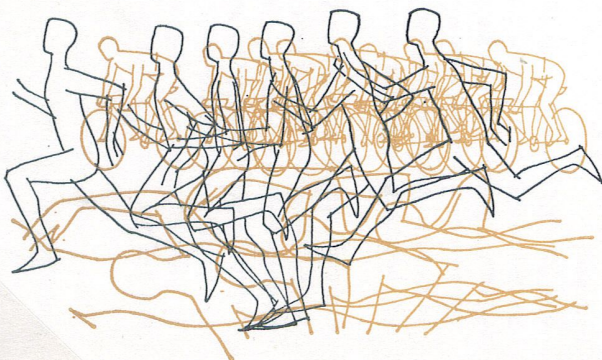
Post Office First Day Cover

IXth British Commonwealth Games
Edinburgh 1970



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Cachet printed in two colour litho. depicting runners, cyclists and swimmers. 25mm circular FDI Edinburgh British Philatelic Bureau handstamp. Design superimposed cine film sequences conveying impression of movement - the stamps do likewise.

Post Office FDC showing non-competitive road cyclists. 'London W.C.' FDI handstamp. Printed colour litho. Qty printed unrecorded.

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Tony Marriott,
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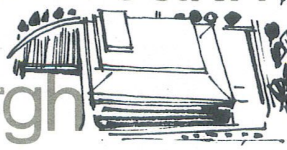
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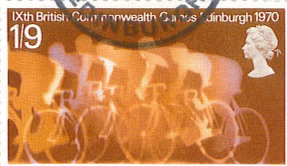
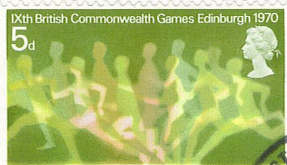
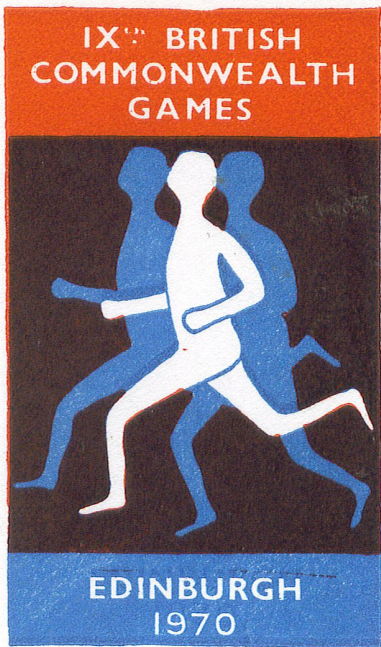
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Master A.F. Wild,
8 The Dell,
Pinner,
Middlesex.

Post Office FDC. 'London SW.' FDI handstamp. Printed in litho. Qty. unrecorded.



HISTORIC RELICS
95, CALBOURNE ROAD,
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'Historic Relics' produced FDC on a 'Dove diamond', cream envelope. Two colour litho of runners. 'Edinburgh' FDI handstamp. Qty printed not recorded.

7th Signal Regiment Stamp Club

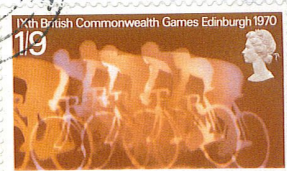
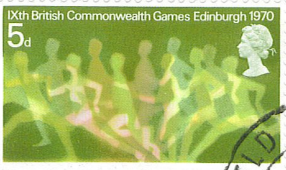
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EDINBURGH
SCOTLAND
15th JULY 1970



First Day Cover



7th Signal Regiment Stamp Club issued FDC. #353 of 400. Printed in silver guilt, brown, red, & green litho. 'FPO 1035' double ring FDI CDS. In 1970 Royal Corps of Signals, a British Army regiment, was based in Kota Belud Malaysia ('FPO 1035').

'Opening ceremony' Philart FDC. 'Edinburgh' FDI slogan handstamp. Printed in two colour lithograph. Qty. printed not recorded ('commercial in confidence'). Gyula László Vásárhelyi designed the artwork on these two cachets.



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Philart FDC 'Torch bearer'. FDI 'Edinburgh' post mark.

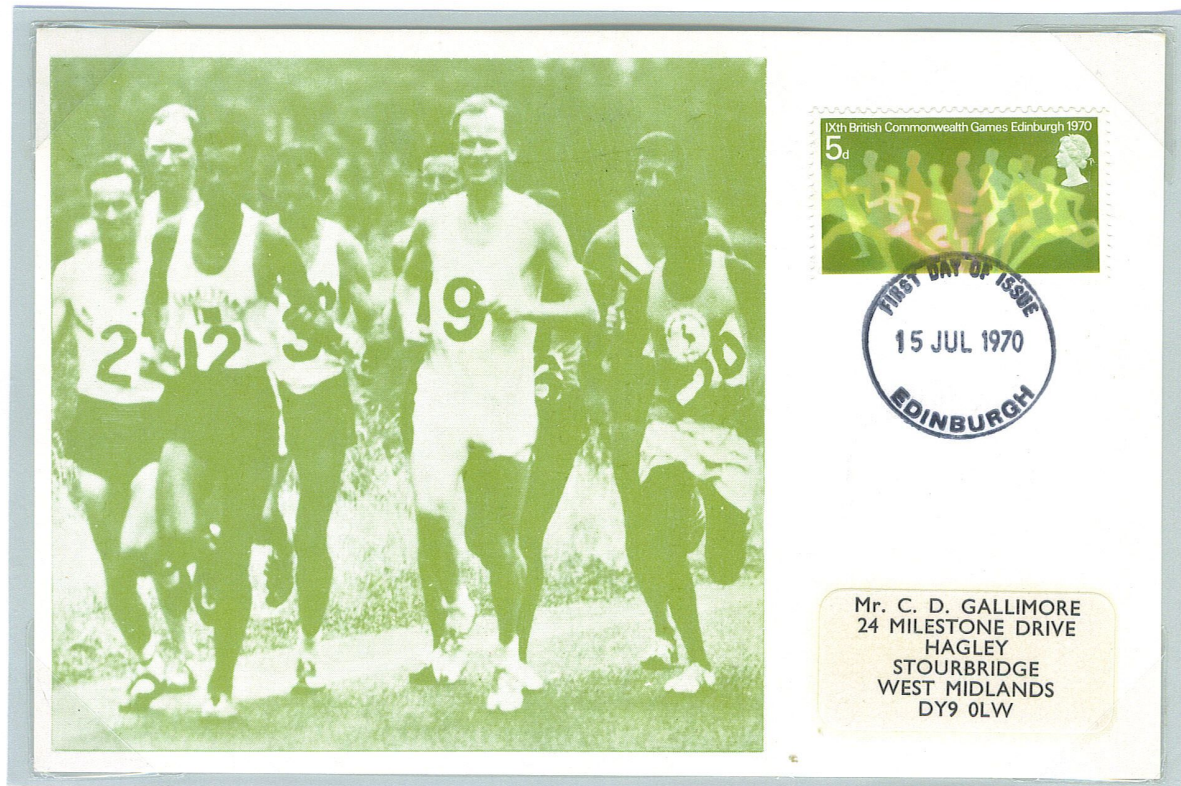


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'Stuart' FDC. 'Edinburgh' FDI handstamp. Gold debossed design. Qty printed unrecorded.



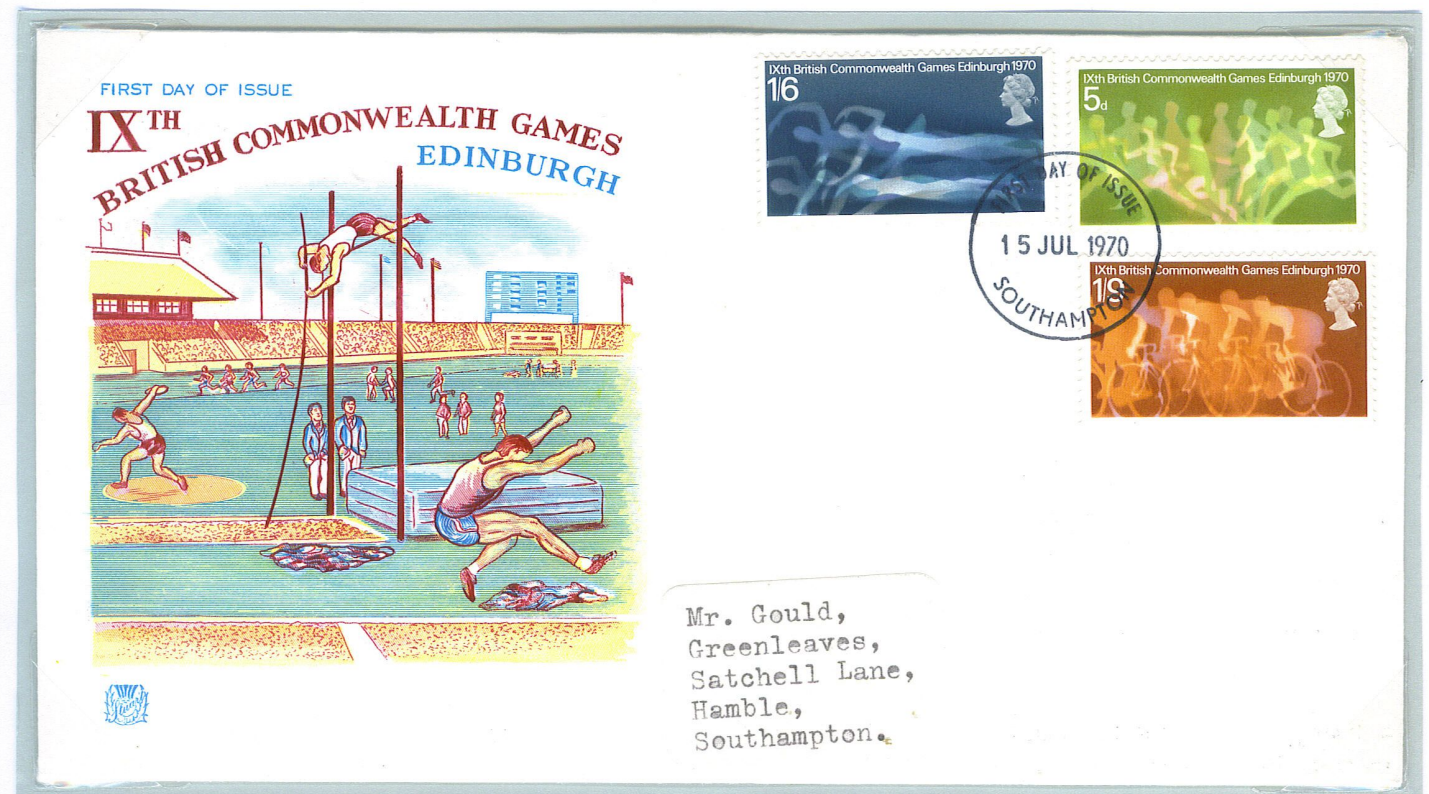
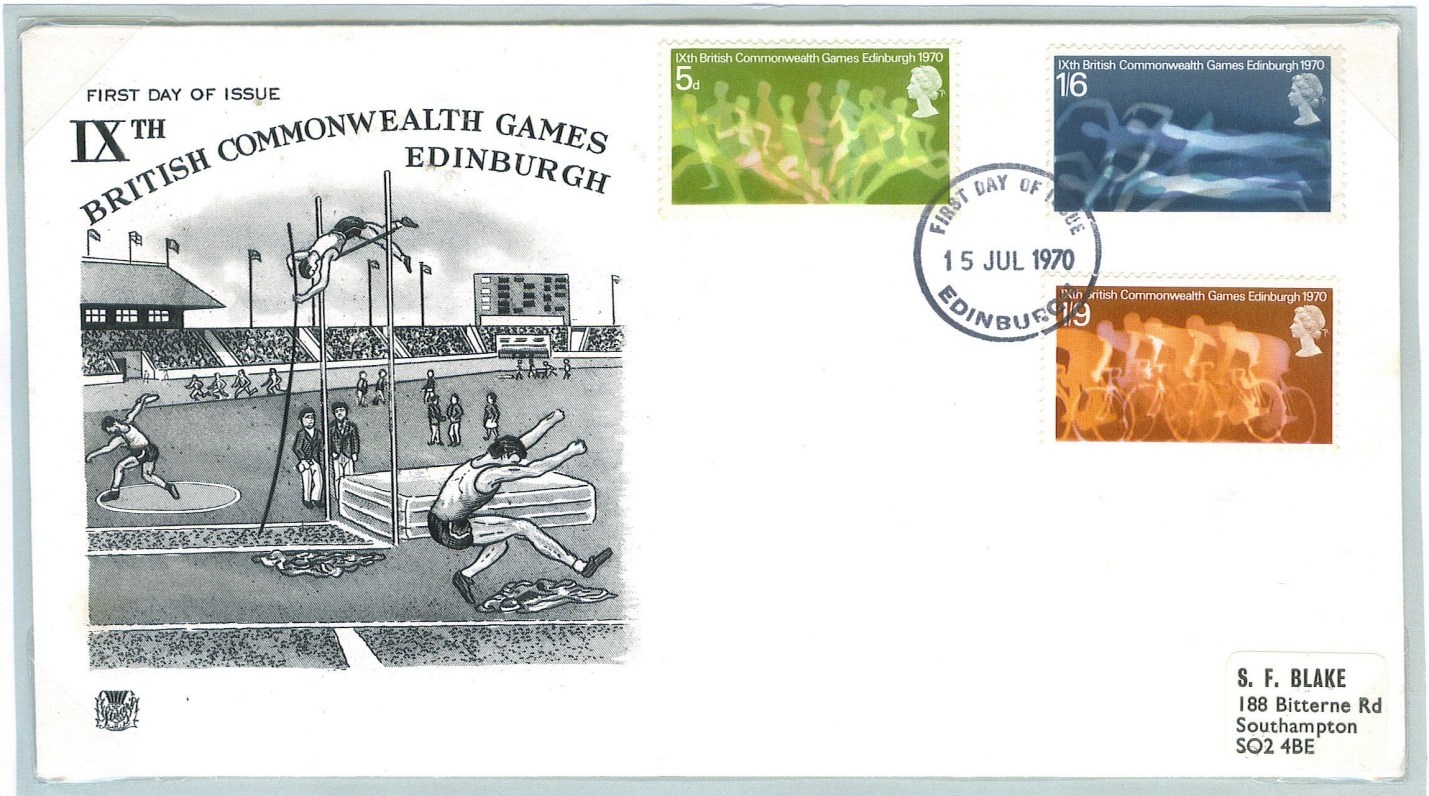
FIRST DAY COVER



Split back postcard produced by Cameo stamps printed in UK by Bennett Press, London. Printed in green litho. 'Edinburgh' FDI handstamp. Qty. printed not recorded. Cachet depicts cross country running which has never been held at a Commonwealth Games.

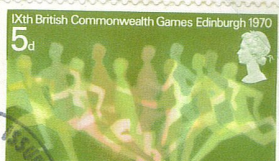
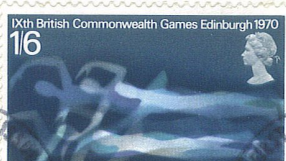
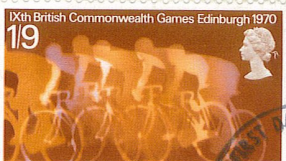
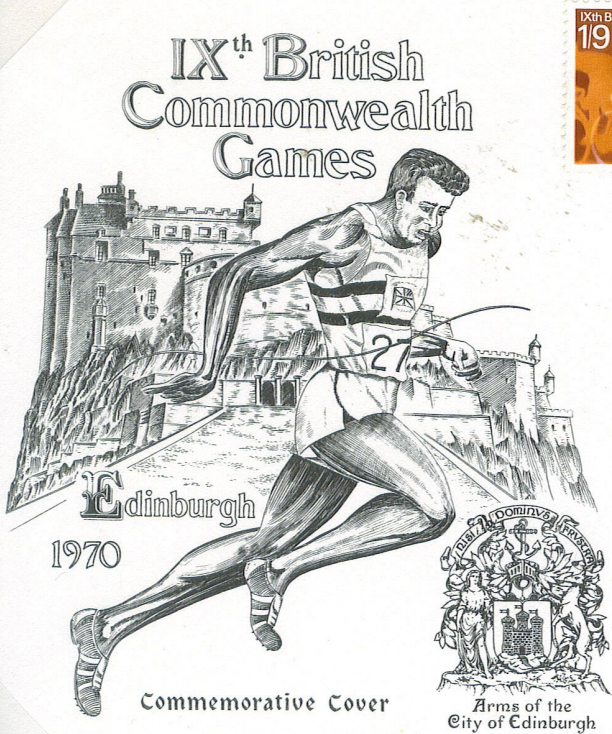
Two 'Stuart' covers - Thistle corporate logo die-stamped on bottom left of cachet.
 Since 1965 produced by A.M.Stuart of Southampton and sold for 6d.
 Stuart Covers now taken over by Cotswold Covers UK.

'Edinburgh' FDI thick handstamp. Printed in black vercotype and litho. Qty printed not recorded.



Athletics sports scene on blue, red, and yellow vercotype and litho. Thin ring 25mm 'Southampton' thin FDI handstamp. Qty printed not recorded.

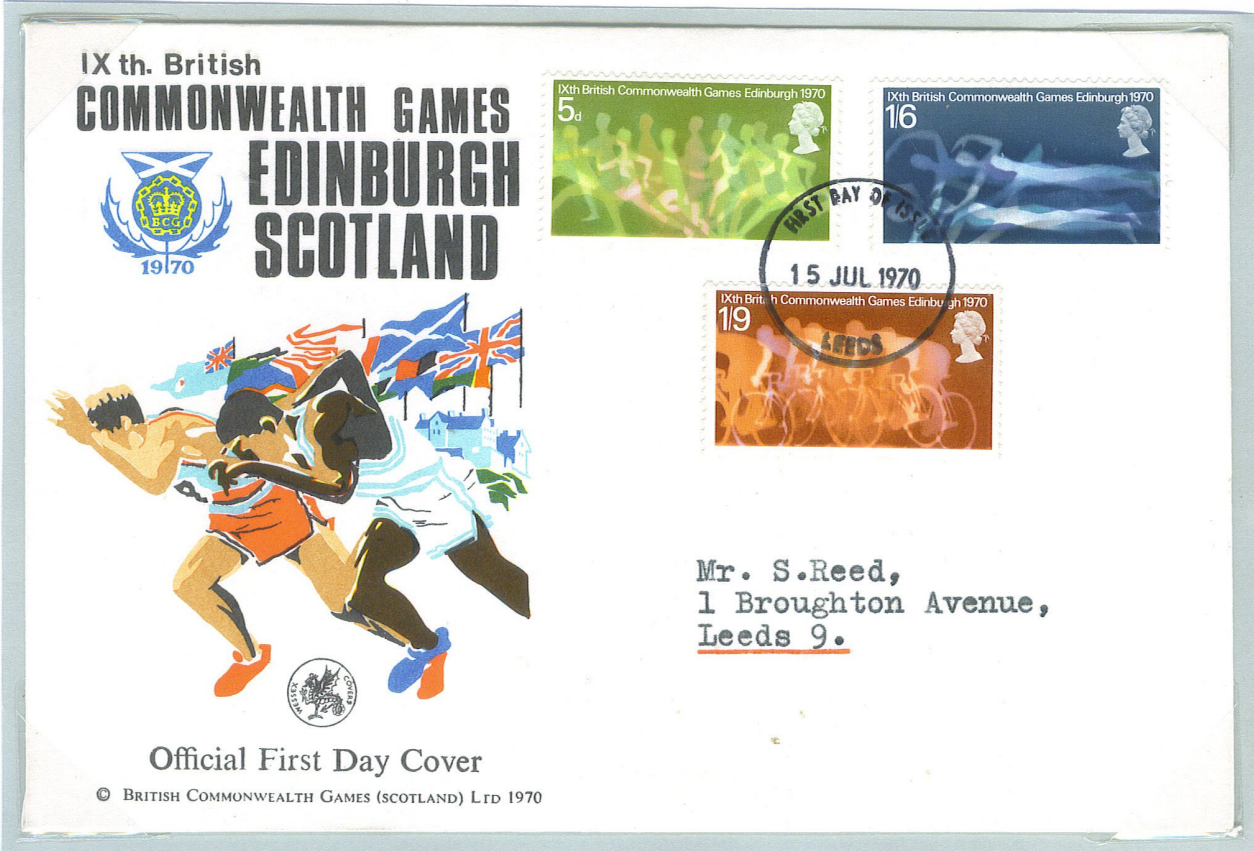
FDC's issued by the Spastics Society of London (now called Scope). Produced to encourage recipients to donate to the Society. Two 'Taunton Somerset' FDI handstamps on a Croxley Script DL size envelope. One colour litho. cachet of a runner & Edinburgh Castle. Qty printed unrecorded.



Commemorative Cover

Arms of the City of Edinburgh

A Wessex FDC. Multi coloured litho. print showing runners, flags, and games logo. 'Leeds' FDI handstamp. Qty printed unrecorded.



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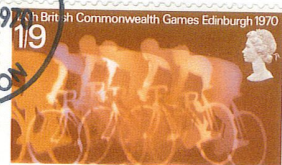
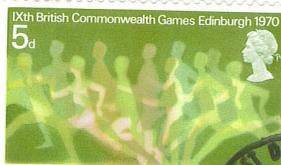
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To mark the 100th Anniversary of the first game played (1st June 1870) a game was played at Windsor on 28 June 1970 between the 9th/12th Royal Lancers and the Royal Hussars, successors of the 9th Lancers and 10th Hussars.

The Philatelic Society . 9th/12th Royal Lancers
 (Prince of Wales's) Catterick Camp . Yorkshire

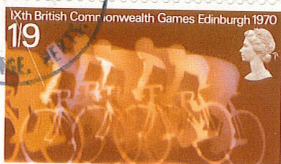
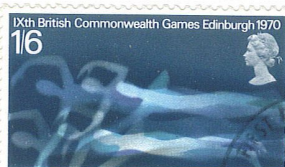


Actual size of bone ball
 (Property of the Officers' Mess)



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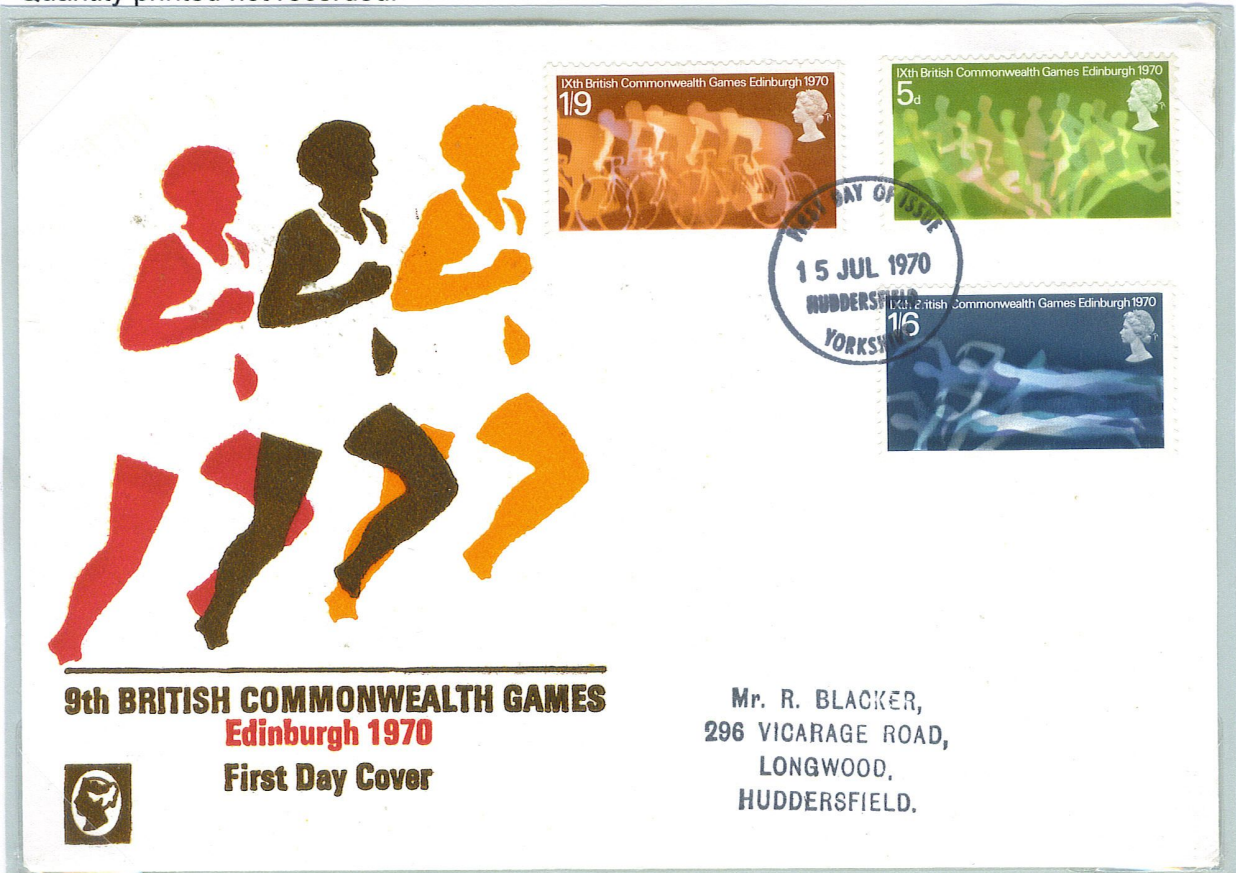


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 54 West Hill,
 HITCHIN
 Herts*

FDC produced by the Philatelic Society, 9th/12th Royal Lancers Catterick Camp, Yorkshire FDC printed in blue verco type. #49 of 300.

Nth. Herts Stamp Club FDC. 'Stevenage Herts' FDI handstamp. Printed four colour litho. Club officials advised cachets privately produced by a club member. No record of quantities produced, estimated to be "between 30 to 50 - but less than 100".

Cameo International (London) FDC. Three colour litho. 'Huddersfield Yorkshire' FDI handstamp. Quantity printed not recorded.

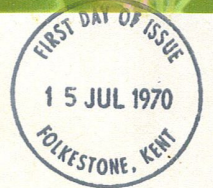
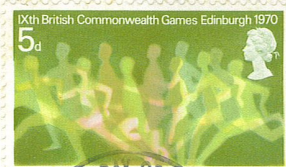


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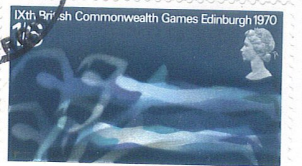


Lofhleidir Icelandic Airlines produced FDC. 'Folkestone Kent' FDI handstamp over a 5d. Games stamp. DL envelope printed in one colour litho. Qty. printed unrecorded. Covers sent to customers to promote their low cost airline. Flights in 1970 flew direct between Reykjavik and Glasgow, Scotland.

'Abbey' FDC. 'Edinburgh' FDI handstamp. Cachet features runners. Printed in litho. brown and gold. Designers endeavoured to continue the Games stamps (here the 5d.) design technique onto their FDC's to produce a depiction of complete harmony. #98 of 2000



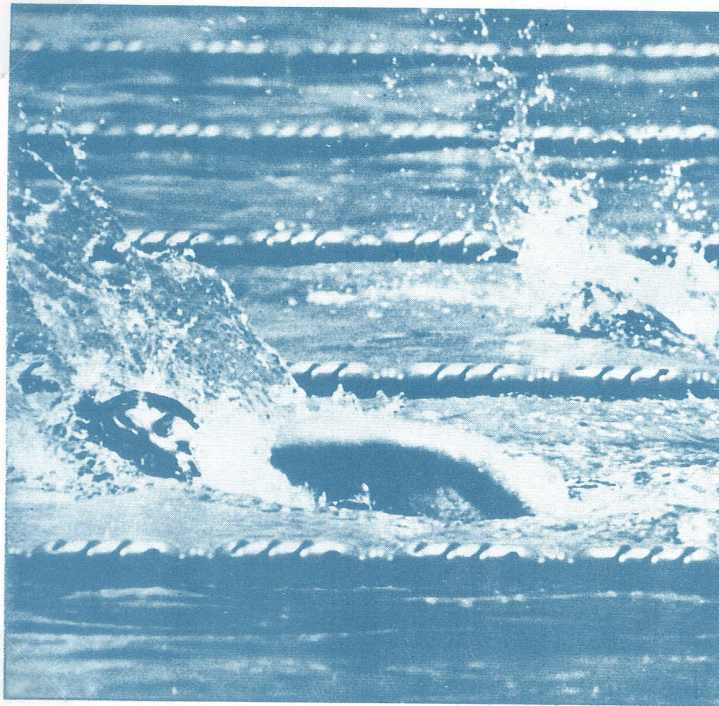
AN *Abbey*
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ABBEY PHILATELISTS,
Leighton Printing Works,
Neston, Wirral, Cheshire.



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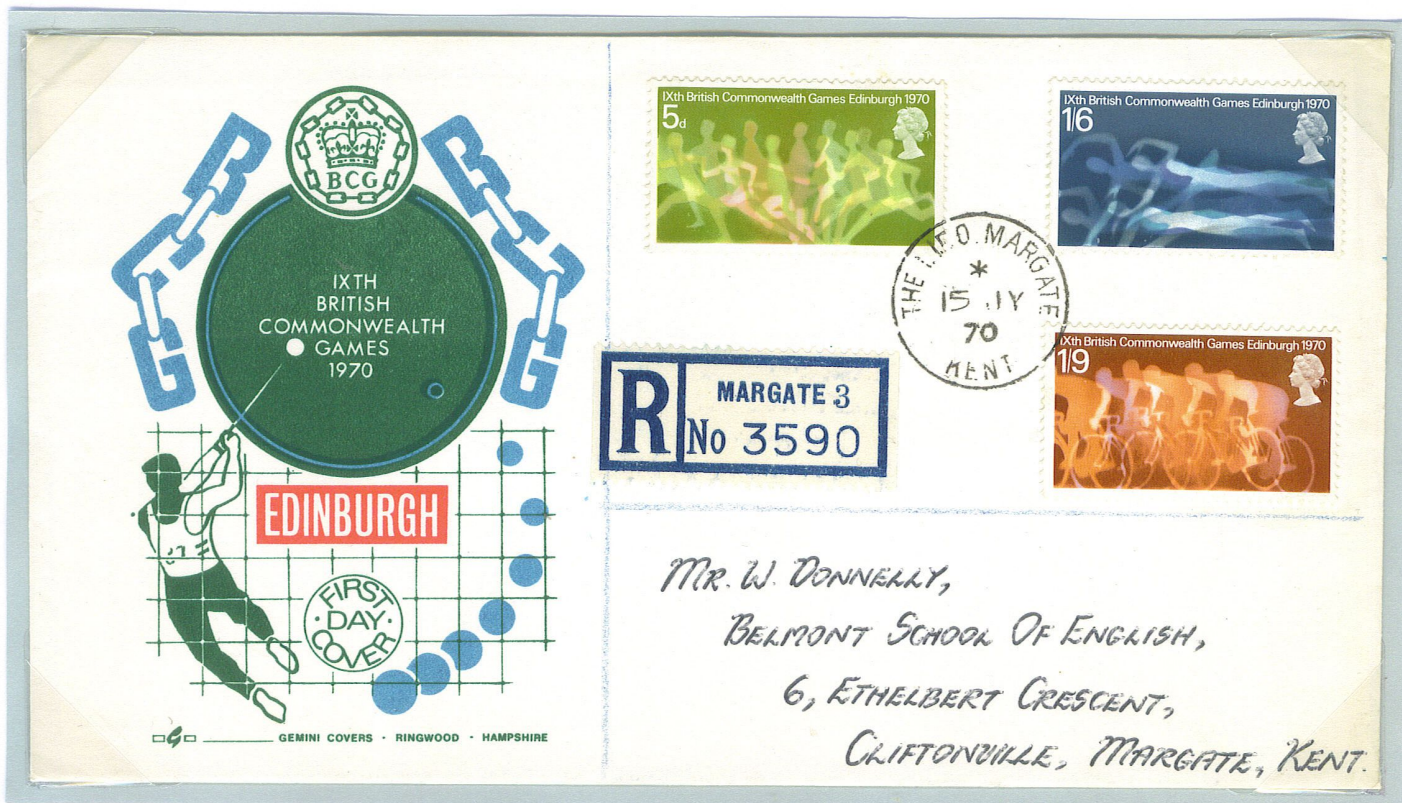
Split back postcard produced by 'Cameo stamps' printed in UK by Bennett Press, London. Depicts swimming. Printed in blue litho. 'Edinburgh' FDI handstamp. Qty. printed not recorded.

FDC produced by 'Thames Gold Embossed'. Embossed gold and litho blue, green, red, and black cachet showing four Games sports. 'Edinburgh' FDI handstamp. Qty printed unrecorded.

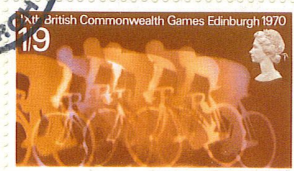
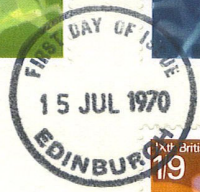
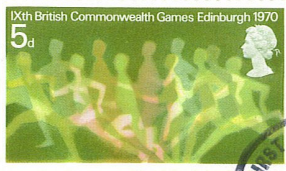
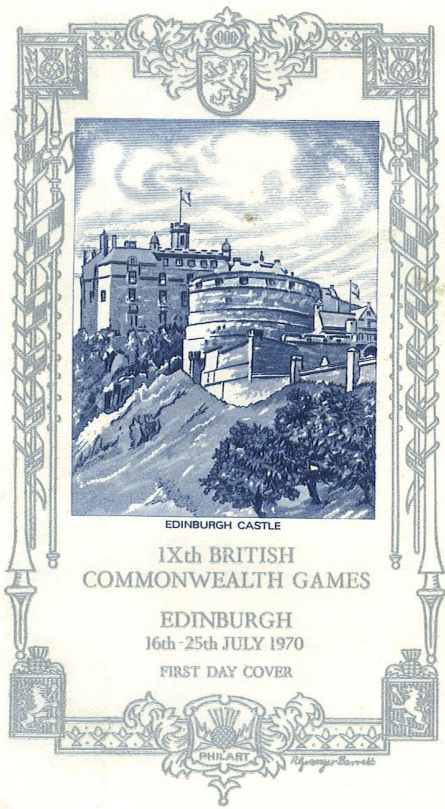


'Sovereign' FDC. 'London W.C.' FDI handstamp. Qty. printed unrecorded. Competitor 'putting the shot' sports scene. Cachet printed in blue and red vercotype and litho.

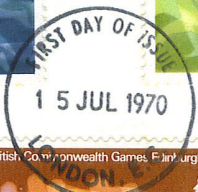
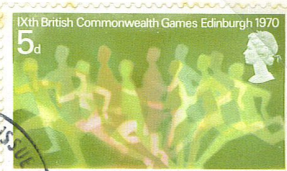
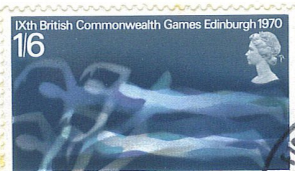
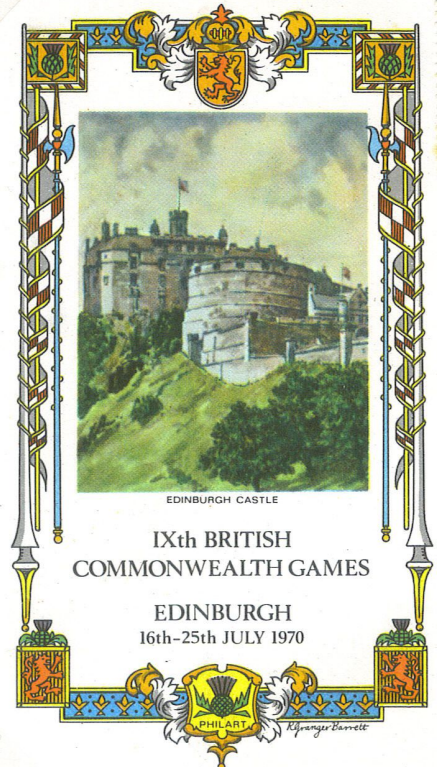
'Connoisseur' three colour litho. FDC. Cover design by artist Keith Tovey. 25mm black. FDI 'South Shields County Durham' handstamp. Qty printed unrecorded.



'Gemeni' (Ringwood Hampshire) FDC depicting a hammer thrower in action. Printed in three colour litho. Single ring 'Margate Kent' FDI handstamp. Qty. printed unrecorded. Gemeni cachets were issued about six weeks before the stamps go on sale.



Edinburgh Castle in black litho. with a silver embossed surround. 'Edinburgh' thick ring FDI handstamp. Qty. printed not recorded.



Edinburgh Castle in multi-coloured litho. 'London E.C.' FDI circular handstamp. Qty. printed not recorded.

'Philart' cachets designed by Richard Granger Barrett a British impressionist & modern artist.

Miss D.C. Oppenheimer,
"Karadene",
Chiltern Road,
Chesham Bois,
Amersham,
Bucks.

'Smith and McLaurin' FDI card. Card sent to their customers as the Games stamps printed on their 530C Chromo Gummed Paper made at their mill No1 in Scotland. FDI London E.C. FDI handstamp. Printed in two color litho. Number printed unrecorded.



Split back postcard produced by Cameo stamps printed in UK by Bennett Press, London. Printed in brown litho. 'Edinburgh' FDI handstamp. Qty printed not recorded. Cachet depicts cycling in a velodrome.



Universal FDC. 'Dartford. Kent' FDI handstamp. Multi-coloured litho. cachet of the Arms of the City of Edinburgh and the Royal Burgh of Edinburgh. Qty. printed not recorded.

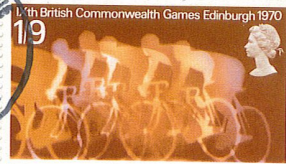
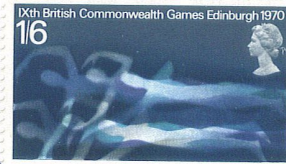
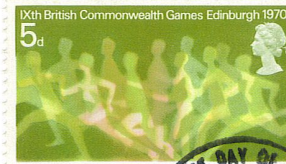
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Arms of the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh

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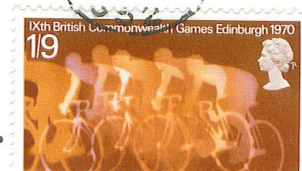
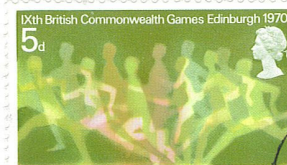
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OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER



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British Forces Postal Service FDC. Printed in four colour litho. with gold embossing. 'Field Post Office' FDI handstamp. Qty printed not recorded.