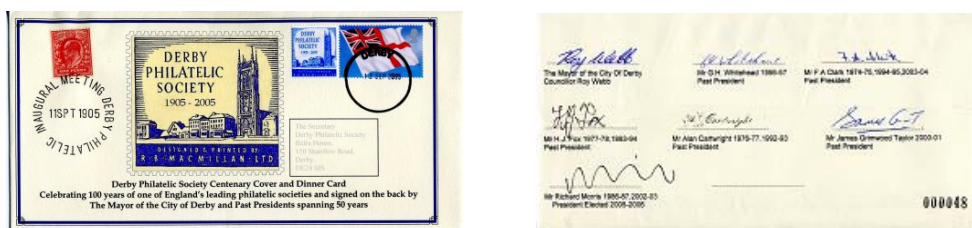


Derby Philatelic Society 100th Anniversary Smilers

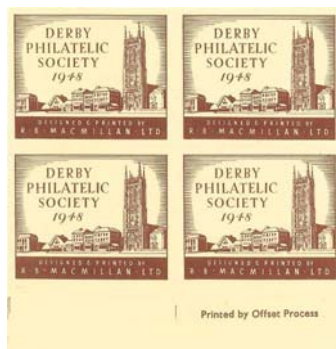
In September 2005, a cover was produced by the Derby Philatelic Society to commemorate their 100th Anniversary since their inaugural meeting held on 11th September 1905. The cover features a King Edward the VII 1d Scarlet and a White Ensign Smiler stamp with special label featuring Derby Cathedral and DERBY PHILATELIC SOCIETY 1905-2005.

The Anniversary itself was marked by a special dinner featuring such delights as The Orange £5 Carrot and Coriander Soup and 1d Black Coffee, the menu for which formed a cover "stiffener"! !

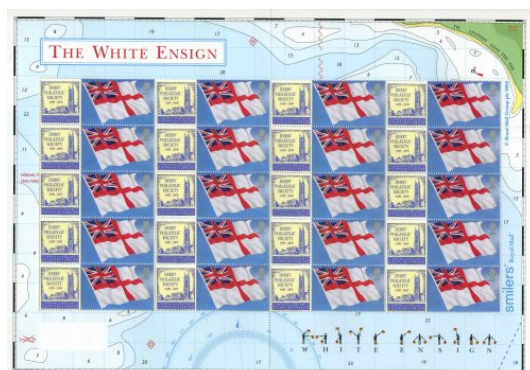
The cover is signed on the reverse by the existing and a number of past presidents of the Society together with the Mayor of the City of Derby.



The White Ensign flag Smiler plus label is from a customised Smiler Sheet commissioned by Derby Philatelic Society, Customised Smiler Sheet (SG-LS25) and was designed by Society Secretary, Steven Street. Each stamp is attached to artwork taken from prints done by Mr Harold Macmillan's printers (one of Derby Philatelic Societies most famous philatelists and a Derby businessman) for a visit by members of the society in 1948 and the colour and date restyled to show the centenary period.



The first five sheets printed were proof sheets and exceptionally rare as the background was a yellow-buff colour, which the Society felt clashed with the rest of the design so it formatted and re-coloured the background. The main printing was done with a white background and these were ordered in a bulk of 60 sheets the first 10 sheets of which were broken up and used on the centenary cover for the society, see above.



Proof



Issued sheet