

Centenary of first adhesive stamps

Synopsis

The main object of this exhibit is the centenary commemoration of the first adhesive stamps that took place in 1940. The second world war was already in progress but the philatelic community could not disregard the fact that the first important philatelic event, the issue of Penny Black, had occurred 100 years before

In this exhibit we will present the commemorative set issued by the British Post Office on May 6th 1940, its philatelic and non-philatelic uses. There will be an emphasis on the first day covers. We will also present a variety of cinderellas and other philatelic objects that appeared concurrently with this set around the world. Despite the fact that the Great Britain was going through some very dark times, the will to celebrate the centenary was the source of the creation of some very remarkable philatelic objects.