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Queen's Diamond Jubilee



Endangered Species:
Bengal Tiger

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Welcome

Welcome to our first Philatelic News of 2012 and on behalf of all of us at the Guernsey Philatelic Bureau may we wish you a very Happy New Year.

2011 proved to be a very eventful year, with the excitement of the Royal Wedding in the Spring, the publication of the second of our children's books, Penny and the Dragon and the wonderful opportunity to work with the McLaren F1 team and feature the two newest British F1 World Champions Jenson Button and Lewis Hamilton.

The 2012 programme leads with the latest in our Endangered Species series, the Bengal Tiger. This beautiful big cat has once again been expertly illustrated by Joel Kirk.

We also celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a wonderful collection of images from 1952 to 2012 which have been creatively placed in a diamond stone formation on our Souvenir Sheet.

Finally we mark the Centenary of the Titanic with a fantastic set of stamps illustrated by Nick Watton. Having sailed passed Alderney the Titanic made her way up the Channel to Ireland and on to her fateful end.

These stamps will be released on the first day of Spring StampEx, 22nd February and we look forward to seeing you there.

Dawn

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Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Set of 6 Stamps £3.09, First Day Cover £4.29,
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8 May 2012

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Prestige Booklet £12.36

11 June 2012

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25 July 2012

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31 October 2012

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Alderney

22 February 2012

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8 May 2012

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25 July 2012

Alderney Invertebrates: Tiger Moths & Ermines

31 October 2012

Alderney Christmas Stamps

Alderney Shipping

*Tariffs, programme details and issue dates are subject to
change without prior notice.*



YOUR FAVOURITE GUERNSEY OR ALDERNEY STAMP ISSUE OF 2011!

Thank you for your votes.

We had a fantastic response and can confirm that your favourite stamp issue of 2011 is An Alderney Winter Wonderland.

The lucky winner of the prize draw was picked from the many entries we received.

Mr E Garner from Huddersfield, West Yorkshire

will receive The Islands of Guernsey Calendar 2012.

Endangered Species: Bengal Tiger



Miniature Sheet £3.00

Did you know that there were eight tiger sub species at one time? Sadly three of these became extinct during the 20th century. Hunting and forest destruction continue to have a devastating effect on tiger populations and all five remaining tiger sub species are endangered.

Despite their fearsome reputation, most tigers avoid humans; however, a few do become dangerous man eaters, but we must consider that these animals are often sick and unable to hunt normally, or live in an area where, perhaps due to human intervention, their traditional prey has vanished.

To celebrate the latest in our endangered species series which features the beautiful Bengal tiger we've pulled together some more interesting facts on this magnificent mammal:

Fact file

Scientific name: Panthera tigris tigris

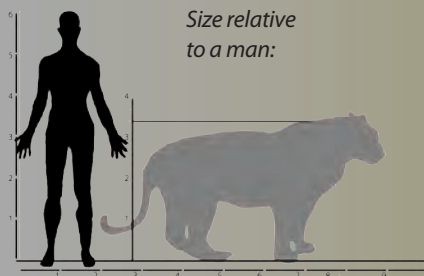
Diet: Carnivore

Average lifespan in the wild: 8 to 10 years

Size: Head and body
1.5 to 1.8 metres,
tail 0.6 to 0.9 metres

Weight: 200 - 300kgs

Size relative to a man:

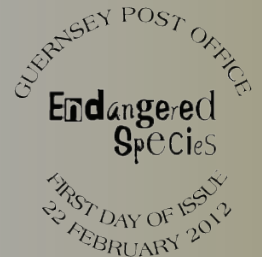




First Day Cover £4.20



Presentation Pack £3.90



Date of issue

22 February 2012

Designer

Joel Kirk

Printer

BDT International

Values

£3.00

Process

Offset lithography,

Stamp size

76mm deep x

61.12mm wide

Sheet size

84mm deep x 118mm wide

Paper

110gsm unwatermarked

PVA adhesive

Perforation

13.75

Cylinder

A

Did you know?

- A tiger's roar can be heard as far as two miles away.
- A hungry tiger can eat as much as 27 kilograms in one meal.
- With only 30, tigers have fewer teeth than other carnivores such as dogs that have 42 teeth.
- All cats have deciduous or temporary teeth that come in within a week or two after birth. These teeth are referred to as milk teeth similar to humans' baby teeth. The milk teeth are eventually replaced by the permanent ones.
- The tiger's tongue is covered with numerous small, sharp, rear-facing projections called papillae. These papillae give the tongue its rough, rasping texture and is designed to help strip feathers, fur and meat from prey.
- Tigers are the only large cat species to have distinctive striping located on both the hair and on the skin.
- Females give birth to litters of two to six cubs, which they raise with little or no help from the male.



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The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

In 2012, Her Majesty the Queen will become the second Monarch in British history to celebrate sixty years on the throne. We are thrilled to be celebrating this occasion with our commemorative stamps, which highlight just some of the many special events which have occurred since the Queen came to the throne.

The Queen has reigned through a period of great change and many people will want to join in the celebrations for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, which will no doubt be an occasion to remember. The UK Government is working with Buckingham Palace to ensure that there are truly 'national' celebrations taking place over the Jubilee weekend, from 2-5 June 2012.

As part of these celebrations, on Monday 4 June 2012, the aim is to light 2012 beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the Commonwealth and other countries around the world in celebration of the Queen's reign.

The beacons will be lit between 10pm and 10.30pm and the Queen will be lighting the National Beacon in London at approximately 10:30pm.

History shows a long and unbroken tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons – be it on village greens, castle battlements or mountain tops. In 1897, beacons were lit to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and, more recently, in 1977 and 2002, the lighting of beacons took place to mark the Silver and Golden Jubilees of the Queen.

Souvenir Sheet First Day Cover £4.29



First Day Cover £4.29



Presentation
Pack £3.99

Souvenir Sheet £3.09

- 1952 - 1962** (36p) Queen's Coronation 1953 / Birth of Prince Andrew 1960
- 1962-1972** (47p) Official launch of QE2 1967 / England win World Cup 1966
- 1972 - 1982** (48p) Opened Sydney Opera House 1973 /
Attended 1976 Montreal Olympics
- 1982-1992** (52p) Trooping of the Colour 1983 /
Prince William and Prince Harry, Wetherby School 1989
- 1992-2002** (61p) With Nelson Mandela 1996 /
Queen Mother celebrates 100th Birthday 2000
- 2002-2012** (65p) Visit to Guernsey, Liberation Day 2009 /
With President Barack Obama 2011

Date of issue

22 February 2012

Designer

Two Degrees North

Printer

Lowe-Martin

Values

36p, 47p, 48p, 52p, 61p, 65p

Process

Offset lithography

Stamp size

28.8mm deep x

43.2mm wide

S/Sheet

100.4mm deep x

140mm wide

Paper

110gsm unwatermarked

PVA adhesive

Sheet

10

Perforation

12.5 x 12.5

Cylinder

A

Sheets of 10 £30.90



Centenary of the Titanic



No other ship has cast a bigger shadow than the Titanic, which remains the most iconic vessel of our time.

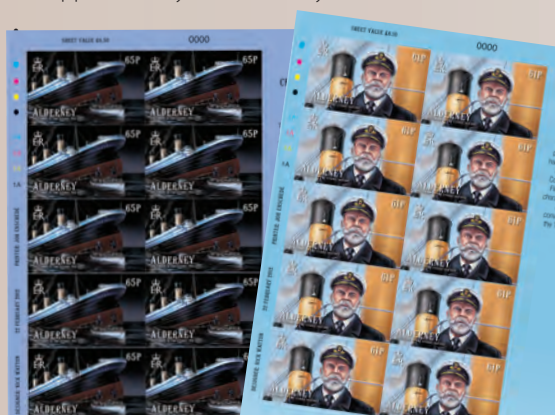
On her tragic maiden voyage, more than 1,500 people died when the “practically unsinkable” ship hit an iceberg and sank on 15 April 1912.

Much has been written about the ship, its passengers and those who survived the disaster. Here, we take a look at some of the facts, as well as the myth and legend surrounding the Titanic:

- Some of the most important ice warnings didn't reach the Titanic's bridge on 14 April 1912. Recorded ice warnings were sent through the day from other ships in the vicinity and the officers knew they were approaching a large ice field.
- Even though the order had been given that women and children were to be evacuated first, a surprisingly large number of them perished, most being second and third class passengers. Initially, some of the limited lifeboats were leaving the ship only half full.
- Captain Edward J Smith was planning to retire in 1911 but White Star Line convinced him to stay and oversee the Titanic's first transatlantic crossing. Captain Smith had promised his wife Eleanor and daughter Helen that he would retire after Titanic's first voyage.
- Contained within the ship's cargo hold were three crates of ancient models which

passenger Molly Brown had secured for Denver Museum. This shipment is thought to be the source of the story reported by several New York newspapers following the disaster: that the ship's hold contained an Egyptian mummy whose presence may have cursed the maiden voyage. The story is, of course, completely untrue, as there was no mummy onboard.

- Over 750 passengers travelled in first class, where tickets cost £525 (approximately £34,150 today). The most luxurious suites were on “B” deck where tickets cost £945 (approximately £61,500 today).



Date of issue 22 February 2012
Designer Nick Watton
Values 36p, 47p, 48p, 52p, 61p, 65p
Stamp size 27.55mm deep x 45mm wide

Printer Jon Enschedé
Process Offset lithography
Paper 110gsm unwatermarked / PVA adhesive
Perforation 13.75 x 13.25

Sheet 10
Cylinder A

Prestige Booklet £12.36

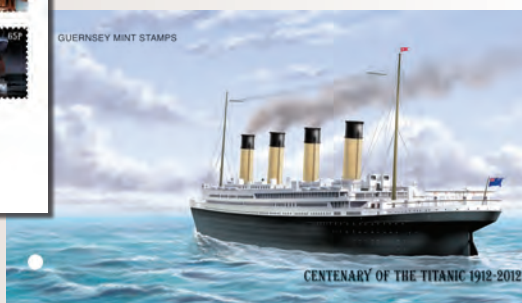
Stamps £3.09

Leaving Southampton (36p)
 Sailing past Alderney (47p)
 The grand staircase (48p)
 Orchestra plays final tune (52p)
 Captain Edward J Smith (61p)
 Lifeboats leave the ship (65p)

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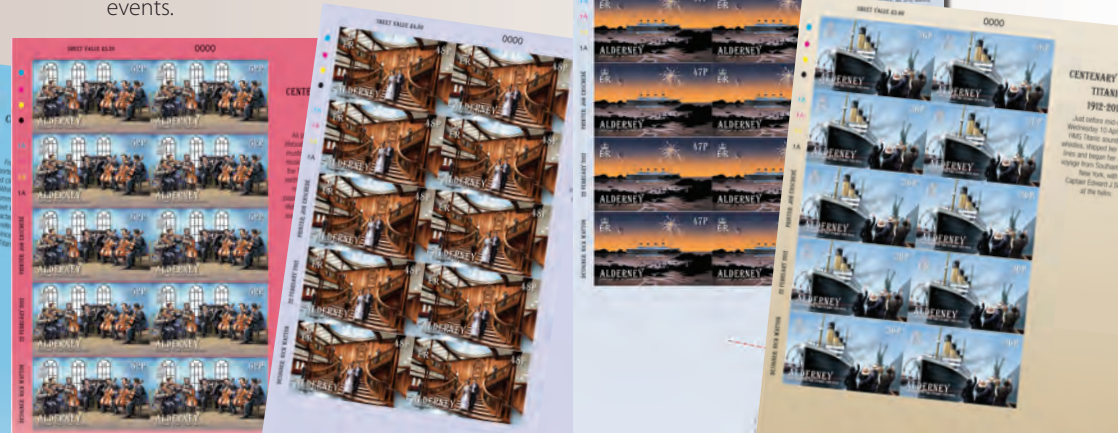


- Miss Violet Jessop was a crew member on all three White Star Line ships – the Titanic, Olympia and Britannic. All three suffered misfortunes and Miss Jessop survived each time.
- The last remaining survivor, Millvina Dean, died on 31 May 2009 in a nursing home in Southampton, aged 97. She was scheduled to board the Adriatic with her parents and brother but the coal strike meant they were transferred to the Titanic as third class passengers. She never married and shunned any attention, only embracing it in later years when she attended events.

Did you know?

The Titanic sailed past Alderney and the night was so calm that the islanders who had gathered to watch her sail past could hear the music being played by the band.

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Alderney Birds of the Bailiwick

A beautifully illustrated stamp issue by Wendy Bramall, this time focusing on the Birds of the Bailiwick.

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SEPAC 2011 - Sea Guernsey 3

The final collection of the Sea Guernsey series, photographed by Guernsey based photographer Chris Tostevin-Hall.

Date of issue: 28 September 2011



Centenary of British Red Cross Uniforms

In celebration of 100 Years of the Red Cross this set illustrates how the uniform has changed over the years.

Date of issue: 28 July 2011



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Date of issue: 28 July 2011



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Date of issue: 2 June 2011



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Date of issue: 2 June 2011

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