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## Welcome

I am delighted to bring you two beautifully illustrated stamp issues for July.

This summer celebrates 150 years of The Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club and this year's landmark celebrations include the Connex Spring Regatta, a major highlight in a season of heightened activity. In addition to the many regattas and events taking place, the Philatelic Bureau are delighted to have the opportunity to help the Club commemorate this event with a modern illustrated issue.

Also this summer, Petula Stone has once again produced another set of finely illustrated Alderney invertebrates - this time Tiger Moths and Ermines. Superbly painted with spectacular colours this issue not only has a wonderful collection of stamps but also some beautifully illustrated products such as the Presentation Pack and Souvenir Sheet.

*Dawn*

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# 2012 Stamp Programme

## Guernsey

**27 September 2012**

### 20th Anniversary of Floral Guernsey

Set of 6 Stamps, First Day Cover, Presentation Pack, Miniature Sheet, Miniature Sheet FDC, Miniature Sheet Presentation Pack, Sheet of 10

**31 October 2012**

### Guernsey Christmas Stamps

Set of 7 Stamps, First Day Cover, Presentation Pack

## Alderney

**31 October 2012**

### Alderney Christmas Stamps

Set of 7 Stamps, First Day Cover, Presentation Pack

### The History of Alderney Harbour

Set of 6 Stamps, First Day Cover, Souvenir Sheet, Souvenir Sheet FDC, Presentation Pack, Sheets of 10

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

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## The War of 1812

*Joint issue with Canada Post*

The War of 1812 was a defining moment for the provinces that would later confederate into the Dominion of Canada. Guernsey born, Sir Isaac Brock joined the British Army and was placed in charge of the British Forces in Upper Canada (Ontario). The provinces were not the walkover expected and Brock was arguably the lynchpin which turned the war in the provinces favour.

*Please note:* Standing order customers who require the Official First Day Cover, carrying both the Guernsey & Canadian stamps, need to place a separate order.

# Soon to be withdrawn...

These stamps will be withdrawn on 27 July 2012

## Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

A unique set of stamps depicting scenes from the critically acclaimed and international best selling book.

### Products available

Set of 6 stamps £3.09

First Day Cover £4.29

Presentation Pack £3.99

Sheets of 10 £30.90



## 100 Years of Red Cross Uniform

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

### Products available

Set of 6 stamps £3.09

First Day Cover £4.29

Presentation Pack £3.99

Sheets of 10 £30.90

These stamps will be withdrawn on 27 September 2012

## SEPAC 2011 - Sea Guernsey 3

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

### Products available

Set of 6 stamps £3.26

First Day Cover £4.46

Presentation Pack £4.16

SEPAC Folder £14.68



# Celebrating 150 years of The Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club



2012 marks the 150th anniversary of the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club. The Club has headquarters in Jersey and Guernsey and hosts a series of events and regattas throughout the year. This year's landmark celebrations include the Connex Spring Regatta, a major highlight in a season of heightened activity.

Yachting for pleasure was brought to England by Charles II and from this royal introduction, it spread throughout the aristocracy becoming a popular sport for the noble and the powerful. Today, it is not the sole preserve of the rich, and the many yacht clubs that exist around the globe embody a spirit of community that is concerned with a love of sailing rather than social status. In seaside ports, the burgee, or club flag, is a sign to visiting yachtsmen that they will find a warm welcome and like-minded enthusiasts. It is traditional for a first-time visitor from a club to exchange burgees with the host club in a gesture of camaraderie. These burgees are then displayed on the walls of each clubhouse.

The first Royal Yacht Club was named in 1820, when its most distinguished member the Prince Regent became King George IV. Membership was restricted to those who owned a vessel above 10 tons and the gentlemen met in London and in Cowes twice a year, to discuss yachting over dinner. The Club changed its name in 1833 to The Royal Yacht Squadron and the pinnacle of its activity was the annual Cowes Week regatta, which remains the highlight of the racing calendar. In 1851, the New York based schooner America arrived in Cowes to compete in the Hundred Guinea Cup, a race that took the fleet around the Isle of Wight. It won spectacularly and the trophy was known thereafter as the America's Cup in its honour. Queen Victoria, who gave our Channel Islands Yacht Club its 'Royal' designation a century and a half ago, witnessed the victory.

Set of Stamps £3.46

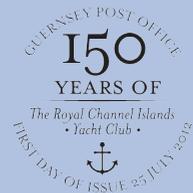


**Presentation Pack** £4.36



**Sheets of 10** £34.60

**First Day Cover** £4.66



**Date of issue**

25 July 2012

**Designer**

The Potting Shed

**Printer**

Cartor Security Printers

**Values**

39p, 52p, 53p, 59p, 69p, 74p

**Process**

Offset Lithography

**Stamp size**

28mm deep x 55.5mm wide

**Paper**

110gsm unwatermarked  
PVA adhesive

**Sheet 10**

**Perforation** 13.5 x 13.25

**Cylinder** A

# Alderney Invertebrates: Tiger Moths & Ermines



Set of Stamps £3.46

Beautifully illustrated by renowned international artist Petula Stone, our stamps feature six of the distinctive Tiger Moths which can be found in Alderney and are a wonderful edition to our Alderney Invertebrates series.

David Wedd of the Alderney Wildlife Trust has helped us to compile some interesting facts and little-known observations about Tigers which occur on the island:-

- One of the four aposematic tigers, the Cream Spot Tiger, has scared off the chickens at Essex Farm which will go to great lengths to avoid this species, which is common at this location.
- David has observed that although birds often take moths off walls and trees near light traps, they hardly ever touch Jersey Tigers, which frequently settle outside the traps instead of going in. Birds sometimes try to catch flying Jersey Tiger moths, but David has never seen a settled one being pestered.
- The Jersey Tiger caterpillars are rarely seen, despite being very brightly coloured. Although this nocturnal larva feeds quite openly on its food plants, in torchlight it is surprisingly well camouflaged.
- The black or brown hairy caterpillars, which are associated with Garden, Cream Spot, Ruby Tigers and Buff Ermine, move very quickly when looking for somewhere to pupate. Cuckoos seem to be the only birds that will eat them – the hairs don't put them off at all, and they love the toxic larvae of Brown Tail Moth – and parasitic wasps appear to destroy them in numbers. On the other hand, Cinnabar caterpillars feed quite openly by day and they do not have much parasitism.
- Almost as common as the Buff, the White Ermine is particularly suited to the name, as it is white with black spots, as is the female of the Muslin Moth, which is also very common in Alderney. The male, though, is grey with black spots. The normal form of Buff Ermine is quite ermine-like, and very fluffy, although it is pale yellow. The Water Ermine, which is also white, does not occur in Alderney.
- Garden Tigers, in particular, have an extra device for avoiding bats, which would not be put off by an aposematic tiger. Bats use echo-location to find flying tiger moths, which, in turn, use their own echo-location to know where bats are, and can literally drop out of the sky into the undergrowth if the animals get too near!

*With special thanks to the Alderney Wildlife Trust*



Presentation Pack £4.36



Date of issue  
25 July 2012

Designer  
Petula Stone

Printer  
BDT International

Values  
39p, 52p, 53p, 59p, 69p, 74p

Process  
Offset Lithography

Stamp size  
30.56mm deep x  
38mm wide

Souvenir Sheet Size  
100mm deep x 140mm wide

Paper  
110gsm unwatermarked  
PVA adhesive

Sheet 10

Perforation  
13.75

Cylinder A

Souvenir Sheet  
First Day Cover £4.66



First Day Cover £4.66



Sheets of 10  
£34.60

Souvenir Sheet £3.46



# Issues currently available



## HRH The Duke of Cambridge

A 30th Birthday celebration of the Prince's philanthropic drive and spirit.

Date of issue: 8 May 2012



## Centenary of the Titanic

A beautiful set of stamps by Nick Watton illustrating this spectacular vessel and her tragic voyage.

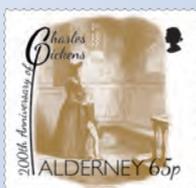
Date of issue: 22 February 2012



## Winter Wonderland

Local photographic winter wonderland scenes.

Withdrawal Date: 26 October 2012



## 200th Anniversary of Charles Dickens

In celebration of Charles Dickens, this set depicts illustrations by George Cruikshank from the famous novel 'Oliver'.

Date of issue: 8 May 2012



## The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

In celebration of 60 years on the throne, various Royal events are depicted in this superb set of stamps.

Date of issue: 22 February 2012



## An Alderney Winter Wonderland

A unique set of stamps featuring local scenes reworked into a fantasy winter wonderland.

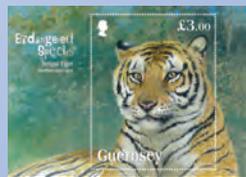
Withdrawal Date:: 26 October 2012



## EUROPA: "Visit..."

A wonderful set of stamps photographed by Karl Taylor. The Bailiwick of Guernsey, a beautiful place to visit.

Date of issue: 1 May 2012



## Endangered Species: Bengal Tiger

The largest member of the cat family has been beautifully illustrated by Joel Kirk for our endangered species series.

Date of issue: 22 February 2012



## British Formula 1 World Champions (Part 2)

A striking set of four stamps that celebrate the achievements of the two latest British F1 World Champions

Withdrawal Date: 26 October 2012

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