

# Philatelic News

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Europa 'Forests'



Alderney Bailiwick Birds





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## Welcome

Welcome to the May issue of our Philatelic News Bulletin.

Reflecting the United Nations' declaration that 2011 is the International Year of Forests, PostEurop has chosen *Forests* as this year's theme for Europa stamps. Our contribution to the theme depicts three well known British nuts. The Acorn, The Hazel-nut and the Conker have all been beautifully illustrated by Keith Robinson.

Our Islands lie on the main migratory routes of many bird species which lend itself well to our Alderney issue which takes a close look at just some of the Birds of the Bailiwick.

Looking forward to June we will be releasing two new issues including the 85th Birthday of Her Majesty, The Queen and of course, we will be celebrating the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. You can see a sneak preview of our Royal Wedding stamps in this bulletin.

*Dawn*

# Forthcoming issues

## Guernsey

**2 June 2011**

### Royal Wedding - Prince William and Catherine

Two Miniature Sheets £4.00, Miniature Sheet FDC £6.40  
Miniature Sheet Pres Pack £5.10

**28 July 2011**

### Formula 1 Winners part 2

Set of 6 Stamps £3.04, FDC £4.24  
Pres Pack £3.94, Sheets of 10 £30.40

### Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie

Set of 6 Stamps £3.04, FDC £4.24  
Pres Pack £3.94, Sheets of 10 £30.40

**28 September 2011**

### SEPAC - Sea Guernsey 3

Set of 6 Stamps £3.04, FDC £4.24  
Pres Pack £3.94, SEPAC Folder £14.68

**27 October 2011**

### Guernsey Christmas Stamps

Set of 7 Stamps £3.35, FDC £4.55, Pres Pack £3.94

## Alderney

### Queen Elizabeth 85th Birthday and Prince Phillip's 90th

Set of 6 Stamps £3.04, FDC £4.24, Pres Pack £3.94  
Sheets of 10 £30.40, Prestige Booklet £12.16

**28 July 2011**

### 100 Years of Red Cross Uniform

Set of 6 Stamps £3.04, FDC £4.24  
Pres Pack £3.94, Sheets of 10 £30.40

**27 October 2011**

### Alderney Christmas Stamps

Set of 7 Stamps £3.35, FDC £4.55, Pres Pack £3.94

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



# Endangered Species Album

An attractive and convenient way to purchase a complete collection of the Endangered Species series so far, five of which are now withdrawn from sale.

Included is the **Golden Snub-Nosed Monkey** (2004) **Basking Shark** (2005) **Florida Everglades** (2006) **Mountain Gorilla** (2007) **Amur Leopard** (2009) **Asian Elephant** (2010) and the **Blue Whale** (2011).

**The complete album can be purchased for £24.56**



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# New system!

We continually strive to improve the service we offer to our customers and we are busy testing a new customer system which will improve the payment options we are able to offer our customers.

Our account customers will be able to:

- Top up your funds in your philatelic account online
- Sign up to automatic debit card charging online or
- Sign up for direct debit if you prefer

The new system will provide improved customer statements too.

We hope to be up and running in the next few weeks with this system and ask you to please be patient while our customer service team are learning the new system.

## *William and Catherine*

To celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince William & Catherine Middleton, we will be issuing two miniature sheets.

One miniature sheet will feature a photograph from the date the Royal Couple announced their engagement and one will feature the Royal Couple on their Wedding Day.

**Royal Wedding  
Prince William and  
Catherine Middleton**

**Miniature Sheets** £4.00  
**Miniature Sheets FDC** £6.40  
**Miniature Pres Pack** £5.10



PLEASE NOTE IMAGE IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

# Europa Forests

*Penny and the Dragon* 27 January 2011



This year's Europa stamps theme is Forests, which has been chosen by PostEurop to reflect that 2011 has been declared the International Year of Forests.

Complementing our Europa stamps is a brand new story book titled *Penny and the Dragon*, which sees the return of our fictional heroine Penny the Postie, illustrated and written by her creator Keith Robinson.

Having helped a pirate recover his ship from the mean Captain Bully Bones in her first ever adventure last year, Penny embarks on a new journey when she encounters a strange postbox on Forest Road, which contains only a small green parcel. When she reaches in for the parcel, something strange happens and Penny finds herself in an enchanted forest. Ever the diligent post lady, Penny sets off to deliver the parcel to its addressee: The Dragon, at Dragon's Lair.

This wonderful story will delight children and adults alike, as our Guernsey heroine finds

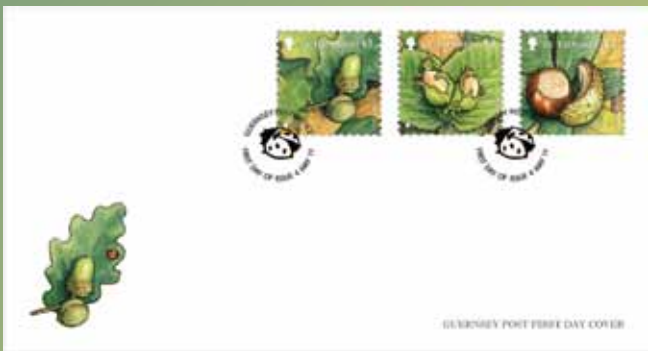
herself helping a knight called Sir Titch as she makes her way to the dragon's lair. She hears tales of the dragon's meanness from elves, fairies and trolls, but all is not what it seems and there is a small surprise in store...

Renowned illustrator Keith has cleverly woven the oak, hazel and horse-chestnut trees into the story book so that it complements the stamps perfectly. Following the story, in the epilogue, we find Penny at home, sitting at a desk with pens and paints against a background of shelves containing books about trees, fairy stories, knights and dragons. We are told that her adventure has inspired her to create some forest stamps; the inside flap contains the souvenir sheet which is based on an illustration in the book where Penny finds the nuts in among the leaves that wrapped the dragon's parcel.



**Sheets of 10** £29.70

**First Day  
Cover**  
£4.17



**Stamps** £2.97  
Oak - Acorn (45p)  
Hazel - Hazel nut (52p)  
Horse-chestnut - Conker (£2)

**Presentation Pack** £3.87



**Date of issue**

4 May 2011

**Designer**

Keith Robinson

**Printer**

Joh Enschedé

**Values**

45p, 52p, £2

**Process**

Offset lithography,  
spot varnish

**Stamp size**

35mm x 35mm

**Sheet size**

86mm deep  
x 135mm wide

**Paper**

110gsm unwatermarked  
PVA adhesive

**Sheet**

10

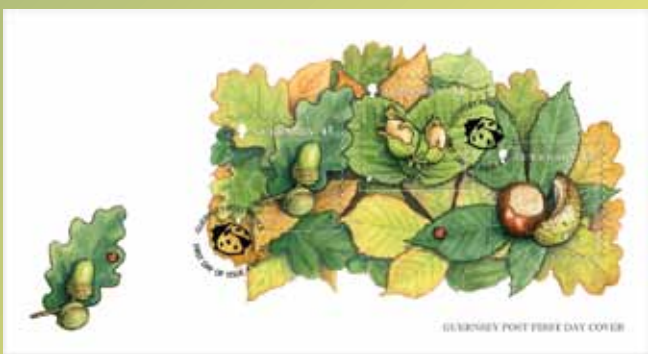
**Perforation**

13.75 x 13.75

**Cylinder**

A

**Souvenir  
Sheet  
First Day  
Cover**  
£4.17



**Souvenir Sheet** £2.97

## INTERESTING FACTS

Penny's creator Keith Robinson drew his inspiration for the enchanted forest and Dragon's Lair from The Guet in Guernsey

Forest Road, where Penny encounters a strange old postbox, is based on Guernsey's very own Forest Road, and the island's well known post office there



# The Royal Wedding



Limited Edition of just 250

On 29th April 2011 the Nation will celebrate as HRH Prince William marries Miss Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey.

To commemorate this Royal occasion Benham is producing a superb cover which will be cancelled on the Wedding Day itself with a Westminster handstamp. The cover also bears the sumptuous Guernsey Post £2 commemorative miniature sheet, with a specially designed first day of issue handstamp. This stunning doubled cover makes an ideal philatelic celebration of a momentous milestone in the history of British Royalty.

What's more, the cover is issued in a **strictly limited edition of just 250**, of which **100 have been specially reserved for Guernsey Bulletin customers** on a first come, first served basis. Order today to avoid disappointment!

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# Alderney Birds of the Bailiwick



The stamps in our latest Alderney special issue were beautifully illustrated by Wendy Bramall, a talented artist who grew up in Guernsey with whom we've enjoyed a fantastic relationship over the course of 25 years and 14 stamp issues.

Wendy says that since her early school days drawing has always been second nature to her. As a child she was encouraged to draw from life and wherever possible still does so now. When working on stamp designs her illustrations usually start with a sketch and if possible photographs too. Ideas from both are combined, and from here the final ideas are worked up in to the fabulous images featured on our stamps and related materials.

Her research work on the Birds of the Bailiwick issue took Wendy to Winchester's Museum Service, where she was able to work from actual bird specimens. Jamie Hooper Conservation Officer of La Société Guernesaise and of the Guernsey Biological Records Centre was also on hand to help out with interesting information and insights into the species featured.

Much of Wendy's work is inspired by nature, having spent many years enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Guernsey with beaches, rock pools and wildlife in abundance. As a child she also had an interest in Natural History, loved animals and was known for her menagerie of waifs and strays.

This combined love of art and nature led Wendy on a career path which included both. From Guernsey she went to Winchester to complete a one year Art Foundation course, followed by three years at Harrow School of Art studying illustration. Her first role following art school was at the Natural History Museum in London – a perfect position!

Wendy now lives in Winchester and works as a freelance illustrator, when not capturing nature in a range of mediums, she spends much of her spare time walking in the stunning countryside around her home.

**Sheets of 10 £32.60**

## **Stamps** £3.26

- Mediterranean Gull *Icthyaetus melanocephalus* (36p)
- Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* (45p)
- Firecrest *Regulus ignicapilla* (48p)
- Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus* (52p)
- Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola* (58p)
- Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* (65p)



**First Day  
Cover**  
£4.46



**Date of issue**  
4 May 2011

**Designer**  
Wendy Bramall

**Printer**  
BDT International

**Values**  
36p, 45p, 48p, 52p,  
58p, 65p

**Process**  
Offset lithography

**Stamp size**  
30.56 deep x 38mm wide

**Souvenir sheet size**  
100mm deep  
x 140mm wide

**Paper**  
110gsm unwatermarked  
PVA adhesive

**Sheet**  
10

**Perforation**  
13.75

**Cylinder**  
A

**Presentation Pack** £4.16



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Sheet  
First Day  
Cover**  
£4.46



**Souvenir  
Sheet** £3.26





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These stamps will be withdrawn on 4 July 2011

## 50th Anniversary of the National Trust of Guernsey

2010 marked the 50th Anniversary of the National Trust of Guernsey which we celebrated with six stunning examples of Guernsey's natural beauty, historic buildings and heritage.

### Products available

First Day Cover £4.37  
Presentation Pack £3.97  
Set of 6 Stamps £3.17  
Sheets of 10 £31.70



These stamps will be withdrawn on 28 July 2011



## 70th Anniversary of Guernsey Evacuees

The German Occupation of the Channel Islands had an overwhelming effect on all islanders, not least those who were evacuated to UK towns leaving behind their families, friends and their peaceful island home. We marked the 70th Anniversary of this event with a collection of evocative images from WWII.

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Set of 6 Stamps £3.17  
Sheets of 10 £31.70

## Florence Nightingale

2010 was named International Year of Nursing, a fitting tribute to honour this remarkable woman who revolutionised the profession. We created six unusual stamps which reflect Florence Nightingale's many wise quotations, capturing her pioneering spirit.



### Products available

First Day Cover £4.37  
Presentation Pack £3.97  
Set of 6 Stamps £3.17  
Sheets of 10 £31.70

# Issues currently available



## 90th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion

Set of six stamps commemorating the 90th Anniversary of The Royal British Legion.

**Date of issue:** 23 February 2011



## Endangered Species: Blue Whale

The largest animal ever known to have lived on planet earth. The Blue Whale, is the subject of the latest issue in our Endangered Species series.

**Date of issue:** 4 November 2010



## Alderney Hawk-moths

More beautiful illustrations from Petula Stone, this time focusing on Hawk-moths.

**Date of issue:** 4 November 2010



## 150th Anniversary of the Birth of JM Barrie

Beautiful illustrations from Peter Pan in Scarlet, the only official sequel to the book by JM Barrie 'Peter Pan and Wendy'.

**Date of issue:** 4 November 2010



## Guernsey Christmas Carols 2010

A fabulously innovative set of stamps with clever and creative use of modern typography.

**Date of issue:** 4 November 2010



## Alderney Christmas Carols 2010

For the first time ever, Alderney have their own set of Christmas Stamps depicting traditional Christmas Carols in a contemporary manner.

**Date of issue:** 4 November 2010



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See stock list for Guernsey self sticks, Raymond Evison Wild Flora Guernsey definitives 1 and Coral and Anemones Alderney definitives.

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