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- 30th Birthday

Europa: 'Visit...

200th Anniversary of
Charles Dickens
Welcome to the May issue of our Philatelic News.

The Europa theme for this year is simply “Visit...”, encouraging the Bureau’s to promote their regions - our issue shows off some fantastic views of the Bailiwick of Guernsey with some beautiful photography by Karl Taylor.

We are also celebrating the 30th Birthday of HRH The Duke of Cambridge with an action packed set of stamps which highlight some of the wonderful causes The Duke of Cambridge supports.

For Alderney we are commoring the 200th Anniversary of Charles Dickens, utilising some of the orginal illustrations from the book Oliver Twist by George Cruikshank.

Looking forward to the summer, we are working with Canada Post on a joint issue The War of 1812 - an extremely interesting project and an issue we hope you will like.

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The War of 1812 & Sir Isaac Brock - issue date: 15th June 2012.

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.

British F1 World Champions


A fabulous Formula 1 folder with commentary by Sir Stirling Moss on Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button.

Look out for our joint issue with Canada Post

The complete 2011 collection of stamps

Our Yearbook is excellent value for money as it continues to be sold for the value of the stamps - £55.52

All the stamps issued from Guernsey and Alderney in 2011 are provided in a separate glassine bag so you can carefully place them in the affixed mounts at your leisure.

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Every year since 1956, the European postal administrations under the PostEurop umbrella produce stamps that adhere to a common theme but have been interpreted in their own way. This diversity, along with the inclusion of the Europa logo, makes the series one of the most collected in the world. Past themes have included gastronomy, forests and children’s books but the theme for 2012 is ‘Visit’...

We felt this was a great opportunity to encourage collectors around the world to come and experience the beauty of the Bailiwick for themselves. So if you have not already graced our shores, islander Karl Taylor’s awe-inspiring landscape photographs have been selected to entice you to this family of islands in the English Channel.

The Bailiwick has a great deal to offer holidaymakers with its mild climate, beautiful scenery and vibrant communities. Each island has its own distinct character and island hopping is a popular pastime for locals and visitors. The largest of the group is Guernsey, which has been a thriving tourist destination since the 19th century. The sister islands of Herm, Sark and Alderney also boast warm hospitality and picturesque surroundings.

The outdoor life is greatly enjoyed by islanders and our stamps give you a flavour of the scenery including four of our finest beaches: the sweeping sands of Guernsey’s Vazon Bay; the secluded retreat of Sark’s Grande Greve beach; Alderney’s other-worldly Bluestone Bay; and the golden stretch of Herm’s Shell beach. The other stamps depict a yacht mooring off Herm’s coast and the legendary three hundred foot high La Coupée, which links the two halves of Sark.

Putting together the 2012 Europa issue has been a wonderful reminder to us of how beautiful our islands are and we take great pride in our contribution to the wealth of destinations that Europe offers the world.
Date of issue 1 May 2012
Designer Mark Totty
Photographer Karl Taylor
Printer Cartor Security Printing
Values GY Letter, UK Letter, GY Large Letter, UK Large Letter, International Letter (20g), International Letter (40g)
Process Offset Lithography
Stamp size 30mm deep x 40mm wide
Paper 110gsm unwatermarked
PVA adhesive
Perforation 13.25 x 13
Cylinder A

First Day Cover £4.71
Presentation Pack £4.41
Set of Stamps £3.51
S/S First Day Cover £4.71
Sheets of 10 £35.10
HRH The Duke of Cambridge - 30th Birthday

Prince William is the elder son of The Prince of Wales and the late Diana, Princess of Wales. He was born on 21st June 1982 at St Mary’s Hospital, London and this year celebrates his 30th Birthday. He is second in the line to the British throne.

In April 2011, following his marriage to Catherine Middleton, the title The Duke of Cambridge was conferred on him by the Queen.

The Duke of Cambridge has inherited his parents’ philanthropic drive and spirit and although currently focusing on his military career he actively supports a wide range of organisations that reflect issues he cares about both in the UK and abroad. Here we take a look at just some of his chosen charities and patronages.

The Foundation of Prince William and Prince Harry
The Foundation of Prince William and Prince Harry was set up in September 2009. The Foundation focuses mainly on three areas: Young People, Sustainable Development and The Welfare of the Country’s Armed Servicemen and Women.

In September 2005, His Royal Highness became Patron of Centrepoint, the UK’s leading homelessness charity. The Duke has worked with Centrepoint on a number of occasions and has slept rough in London to highlight the issue.


In May 2007, The Duke was appointed President of the Royal Marsden Hospital, a position previously held by his mother. The Duke undertook two days work experience at the hospital in December 2005, assisting in a variety of departments including medical research, catering and fund raising, as well as visiting a number of wards.


In February 2009, The Duke of Cambridge became Patron of Skill Force. The charity primarily utilises the skills of former members of the Armed Forces to run life skills courses for disadvantaged young people.

In January 2010, as part of a tribute to his grandmother The Queen, The Duke became Patron of The Queen Elizabeth II Fields, an initiative run by Fields in Trust to protect and create hundreds of playing fields throughout the UK in honour of Her Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee in 2012.
First Day Cover £4.29

Date of issue 8 May 2012
Designer Two Degrees North
Printer Joh Enschedé
Values 36p, 47p, 48p, 52p, 61p, 65p
Process Offset Lithography
Stamp size 44.46mm deep x 27.93mm wide
Paper 110gsm unwatermarked PVA adhesive
Sheet 10
Perforation 13.25 x 12.75
Cylinder A

Presentation Pack £3.99

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All images for this issue are subject to Royal Approval and may change without notice.
Charles Dickens is undoubtedly one of the most celebrated authors of all time. His appeal shows no signs of fading more than 140 years after his death, with his books remaining in print all around the world.

We have chosen to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens with stamps depicting original illustrations from Oliver Twist by George Cruikshank (1792-1878), one of the artists with whom Dickens personally collaborated.

One of the greatest illustrators of his time, Cruikshank came from a family of artists. At the height of Cruikshank’s fame as a caricaturist, the publisher John Macrone (1809-37), suggested that Dickens’ sketches should be put together in a book, illustrated by Cruikshank. The result was Sketches by Boz, which was published in 1836.

After his work on Oliver Twist in Bentley’s Miscellany from 1837 to 1839, Cruikshank did not illustrate other Dickens serials because he had been engaged exclusively for Bentley’s Miscellany.

Dickens worked in close collaboration with his illustrators, supplying them with a summary of the work at the outset for the cover illustration, which served as a wrapper for each of the monthly parts. His works were all issued serially, in monthly or weekly parts.

Dickens’ close working relationship with his illustrators is important, as the illustrations provide some insight into the characters as Dickens described them to the illustrator and approved when the drawing was finished. They also give some clues as to which scenes Dickens felt were important and should therefore be illustrated.
First Day Cover £4.29

Date of issue: 8 May 2012
Designer: Bridget Yabsley
Printer: Österreichische Staatsdruckerei GmbH (OeSD)
Value: 36p, 47p, 48p, 52p, 61p, 65p
Process: Offset lithography
Stamp size: 30mm deep x 3 1.625mm wide
Paper: 110 gsm unwatermarked PVA adhesive
Perforation: 14 x 14
Cylinder: A

Presentation Pack £3.99

Did you know?

After Dickens’ death Cruikshank claimed that the plot and many of the characters from Oliver Twist had been his idea, which was vigorously denied by John Forster, Dickens’ friend and biographer.

Only two of Dickens’ major works, Hard Times and Great Expectations, were issued originally without illustration.
Special Diamond Jubilee Cover

The Diamond Jubilee year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is celebrated by a superb, limited edition double cover bearing the new Royal Mail Diamond Jubilee Machin 1st class NVI blue Definitive and the six magnificent Guernsey Post Diamond Jubilee commemorative stamps - one for each decade of Her Majesty’s reign.

The Royal Mail diamond blue Machin Definitive - available from 6 February 2012 - will remain on sale for the rest of the year. The six Guernsey Post commemoratives carry appropriate images from each decade of The Queen’s reign together with a diamond-shaped logo of the words ‘The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee’ and a hexagonal face value indicator. The cover is postmarked at Windsor on 6 February 2012 and doubled in Guernsey on 22 February 2012.

Issued in a strictly limited edition of just 250 - of which 100 have been reserved for the Guernsey Bulletin - this cover will, we are confident, prove highly popular with collectors seeking a special philatelic memento of this unique year in our nation’s history.

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These stamps will be withdrawn on 1 June 2012

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These stamps capture the life of the Queen & Prince Philip since the early years of their marriage.

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Sheets of 10 £30.40

Royal Wedding, Prince William and Catherine
A beautifully photographic issue of William and Catherine’s engagement and wedding.

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Presentation Pack £3.94
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to the following people who entered our free draw at Stampex 2012 and have won a DVD set of this wonderful Titanic Gift Pack.
Issues currently available

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

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

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

Winter Wonderland
Local photographic winter wonderland scenes.
Date of issue: 27 October 2011

An Alderney Winter Wonderland
A unique set of stamps featuring local scenes reworked into a fantasy winter wonderland.
Date of issue: 27 October 2011

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
Date of issue: 27 October 2011

SEPAC 2011 - Sea Guernsey 3
The final collection of the Sea Guernsey series, photographed by Guernsey based photographer Chris Tostevin-Hall.
Withdrawal date: 27 September 2012

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.
Withdrawal date: 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.
Withdrawal date: 27 July 2012

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