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Welcome

We have had another busy year at the Guernsey Philatelic Bureau as our stamps continue to be popular across the globe. We were very pleased that so many of you wrote to us to thank us for the free gift you received with your July issues.

We bring you three striking stamp issues in our November release. This includes our very first Christmas set of stamps for Alderney which cleverly depict visual illustrations of Christmas Carols. This theme was also used for the Guernsey Christmas set too and depicts a different set of carols. We hope you enjoy this very vibrant set of stamps.

And finally to celebrate the birth of JM Barrie we have a stunning set of six stamps and a £3 miniature sheet featuring images from the book Peter Pan in Scarlet. This is the only official sequel to the book Peter Pan and Wendy. Read more about this over the page.

You can see a sneak preview of the stamp programme for 2011 on this page and we look forward to seeing some of you at StampEx in February.

From everyone at the Guernsey Philatelic Bureau we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dawn

The Yearbook and album pages are on the way

IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT!

The 2010 collection of Guernsey and Alderney stamps is due for despatch in early December, priced at £58.28; you only pay for the stamps!

Album pages will be despatched to standing order customers in the usual way in early December too.

SPECIAL OFFER

DAVO albums



Buy the **Guernsey Volume II** (2000 to 2009) for **£67.88** and get the **2010 supplement free!**

Buy the **Alderney Volume I** (1983 to 2009) for **£68.46** and get the **2010 supplement free!**



Offer only available until 31 December 2010.

2011 stamp programme

23 February 2011

Guernsey issue - Endangered Species: Blue Whale

Miniature Sheet £3.07
FDC £4.37
Pres Pack £3.87

Guernsey issue - 90th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion

Set of six stamps £3.17
Souvenir Sheet £3.17
FDC £4.37
Pres Pack £3.87

Alderney issue - Hawkmoths

Set of six stamps £3.17
Souvenir Sheet £3.17
FDC £4.37
Pres Pack £3.87

Tariffs, programme details and issue dates are subject to change for operational reasons.



VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE GUERNSEY OR ALDERNEY STAMP ISSUE OF 2010!

Tell us which is your favourite stamp issue and be entered into our prize draw to win a **2011 Islands of Guernsey Calendar** or **Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society Calendar** for 2011!

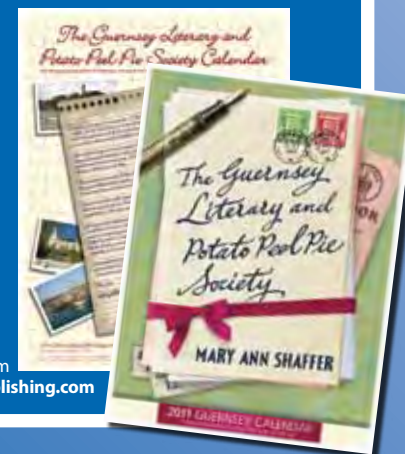
Use the **order form** to enter the prize draw or enter online after 4th November 2010 at **www.guernseystamps.com**

Competition is open until 31 December 2010.

Entries for the prize draw competition are only accepted through our website or by post using the stock list order form.



You can order calendars direct from **www.jillvaudinpublishing.com**





150th Anniversary of the Birth of JM Barrie

Although he and his wife had no children of their own, celebrated author J M Barrie, most famously known for his creation of Peter Pan, was a supporter of the work of Great Ormond Street Hospital for children in London for several years.

In 1929, GOSH asked Barrie if he would join a committee to assist in buying some land for a new wing for the hospital. Although Barrie declined, he indicated his desire to help the hospital, saying he "hoped to find another way". Two months later, the hospital was astonished to learn that Barrie had most generously given all the rights to Peter Pan over to GOSH.

To this day, GOSH receives royalties from all Peter Pan products, such as when a book is sold or a production of the play is put on.

The only official sequel to Barrie's book Peter Pan and Wendy was sanctioned by GOSH and, in 2006, Peter Pan in Scarlet by Geraldine McCaughrean was published. Two years later the book was published as a fully illustrated edition abridged for younger children; our stamps show selected images taken from the book which features the stunning artwork of David Wyatt.

Set in the 1920s, Peter Pan in Scarlet sees the return of Wendy and the Lost Boys, as Peter Pan needs his friends' help. But everything has changed in Neverland and they encounter pirates, witches and fairies, and dangers beyond their imaginations.

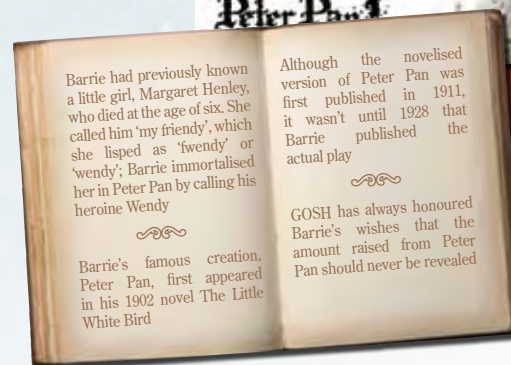
Sheets of 10 £31.70



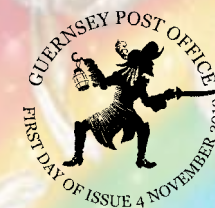
Presentation Pack £3.97



Miniature Sheet First Day Cover £4.20



First Day Cover £4.37



Stamps £3.17

Group of children swarm above London's skyline (36p)
Captain Hook falls into the jaws of a waiting crocodile (45p)
Peter visits Captain Hook's ship (48p)
Peter waves a rainbow so that the explorers can be freed (50p)
Children at the top of 'Neverpeak', which is covered in snow (58p)
The bonfire frightens off a blizzard and warms the children (80p)

Date of issue

4 November 2010

Designer

Two Degrees North

Printer

Cartor Security Printing

Value

36p, 45p, 48p, 50p, 58p, 80p, £3

Process

Offset lithography

Stamp size

28mm deep x 45mm wide

Miniature sheet

70mm deep x 110mm wide

£3 stamp size

42mm deep x 28mm wide

Paper

110gsm unwatermarked

PVA adhesive

Sheet

10

Perforation

13.5 x 13.5

Cylinder

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Miniature Sheet Presentation Pack £3.80

Alderney Christmas Carols 2010



We always delight in producing our Christmas stamp issues, with so many fabulous themes linked to the festive season we have plenty of creative inspiration.

This year for the first time ever we have produced a Christmas stamp issue for Alderney along with those for Guernsey and have had the tricky task of selecting a topic which could span both Island issues but which provided enough scope to produce two individual and unique stamp sets.

The subject 'Christmas Carols' gave us plenty to work with; a tradition which for many symbolises the joy and excitement of Christmas and one which has been celebrated throughout the ages. It also gave us the opportunity to look at a range of carols, investigate their origins and design fabulously innovative stamps to illustrate each one. With the clever and creative use of modern typography we've brought each of our selected carols graphically to life on our stamps.

Guernsey Christmas Carols 2010



Carols were first sung in Europe thousands of years ago, but these were not in fact Christmas carols as we know them now, but pagan songs, sung at the Winter Solstice celebrations. The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year and usually occurs around the 22nd December.

Early Christians adopted the pagan solstice celebrations, replacing the pagan songs with Christian ones which celebrated Christmas.

Initially not many people enjoyed carols as they were all written and sung in Latin, a language that the lay people couldn't understand and then by the time of the Middle Ages (the 1200s), most people had lost interest in celebrating Christmas altogether.

This all changed around 1223 when St. Francis of Assisi began to stage Nativity Plays in Italy. The cast of these plays sang songs or 'canticles' as a method of story telling. Sometimes, the choruses of these new carols were in Latin; but normally they were all in a language that the people watching the play could understand and join in! The new style carols spread to France, Spain, Germany and other European countries.

However when Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans came to power in England in 1647, celebrations of Christmas and the singing of carols was stopped, but the tradition of carols survived as many people still enjoyed singing them in secret.



**Alderney Stamps** £3.48

O Christmas Tree (31p)
Away In A Manger (36p)
While Shepherds Watched Their
Flocks By Night (45p)
Hark The Herald Angels Sing (48p)
O Holy Night (50p)
O Little Town Of Bethlehem (58p)
Good King Wenceslas (80p)

Date of issue

4 November 2010

Designer

Two Degrees North

Printer

Joh Enschedé

Values

31p, 36p, 45p, 48p, 50p,
58p, 80p

Process

Offset lithography

Stamp size

40mm deep x 40.5mm wide

Paper

110 gsm unwatermarked

PVA adhesive

Perforation

13.25 x 14

Sheet

50

Cylinder

A

First Day Cover £4.68**Presentation Pack** £4.28

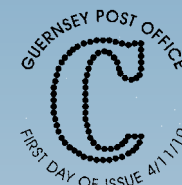
'Carol singing' as we think of it today became popular in the Victorian era, but prior to this there were official carol singers called 'Waits'. These were bands of people led by important local leaders such as council leaders who had the power in the towns and villages to take money from the public. They were called 'Waits' as they only sang on Christmas Eve, which was also known as 'watchnight' or 'waitnight' in memory of the shepherds who were watching their sheep when the angels appeared to them announcing Christ's birth.

Also around this time orchestras and choirs were being set up in the cities of England and people wanted Christmas songs to sing, so carols once again became popular and many new carols were written.

Today along with Santa Claus, decorating our homes and kissing under the mistletoe singing Christmas carols is very much a part of our festive celebrations.

First Day Cover £4.68**Presentation Pack** £4.28**Did you know?**

1. In 1843 English illustrator John Calcott Horsley created the first modern Christmas card. It was commissioned by Sir Henry Cole the pioneer of the penny post and founder of the Victoria & Albert Museum. The card depicted a family celebration and its caption read, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."
2. The custom of sending Christmas cards started in Britain in 1840 when the first 'Penny Post' public postal deliveries began, although Europeans had distributed wood prints of religious themes for Christmas during the Middle Ages.
3. Postmen in Victorian times were often called 'Robins' as their uniform was red.
4. In the nineteenth century the British Post Office used to deliver cards on Christmas morning.
5. Every UK adult now sends on average 55 Christmas cards each year.

**Guernsey Stamps** £3.48

The Holly And The Ivy (31p)
Little Donkey (36p)
Silent Night (45p)
I Saw Three Ships (48p)
Joy To The World (50p)
Ding Dong Merrily
On High (58p)
We Three Kings (80p)

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40 Years of Guernsey at the Commonwealth Games

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Home to some 14 million people, the exciting city of Delhi in India will, for the first time, play host to the Commonwealth Games. It is only the second time the event has been held in Asia.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Guernsey's participation at the Games, our stamps - depicting images of Athletics, Cycling, Shooting, Aquatics, Lawn Bowls and Tennis - are designed to convey the passion, professionalism and sheer determination of Guernsey's talented athletes.

Date of issue: 23 September 2010

Products available

Set of six stamps £3.17	Prestige Booklet £12.68
Presentation Pack £3.97	Sheets of 10 £31.70
First Day Cover £4.37	

Soon to be withdrawn...

These stamps will be withdrawn on 24 February 2011



Endangered Species: Asian Elephant

The Asian Elephant, only slightly smaller than its African cousin, is the focus of latest issue in our Endangered Species series.

Products available

Miniature Sheet £3.07
Presentation Pack £3.87

Introducing Guernsey's latest heroine

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Penny delivers letters to all sorts of interesting places... But when she comes across a strange old postbox her adventures really begin!

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Please note the Souvenir Sheet is the same as the Europa Children's Books Souvenir Sheet

Alderney Dragonflies

We worked with the Alderney Wildlife Trust and designer Petula Stone to bring you a beautifully illustrated set of stamps featuring six dragonflies found in Alderney.



Products available

Set of six stamps £3.61
Presentation Pack £4.41
Souvenir Sheet £3.61
Pack Insert Souvenir Sheet £3.76
Sheets of 10 £36.10

Issues currently available



70th Anniversary of Guernsey Evacuees

We mark the 70th anniversary with a collection of evocative images from WWII.

Date of issue: 29 July 2010



50th Anniversary of the National Trust of Guernsey

Six stunning examples of Guernsey's natural beauty, historic buildings and heritage.

Date of issue: 5 July 2010



Florence Nightingale

A creative reflection on Florence's many wise quotations, capturing her pioneering spirit.

Date of issue: 29 July 2010



Centenary of Girl Guides

A striking set of embroidered Girl Guide badges produced to commemorate the Centenary of Girlguiding.

Date of issue: 27 May 2010



Europa - Children's Books

Follow our very own fictional children's character Penny the Postie on her amazing journey at sea in pursuit of stolen pirate treasure.

Date of issue: 4 May 2010



70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain

A set of stamps and miniature sheet commemorating the heroic and brave actions of both the British military and civilians during WWII.

Date of issue: 4 May 2010



Abstract Guernsey 2

The 'abstract' theme continues with six more magical yet realistic shots. This time they mark the first issue of the 'Pricing in Proportion' system, where postage is determined by size and weight.

Date of issue: 18 March 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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