

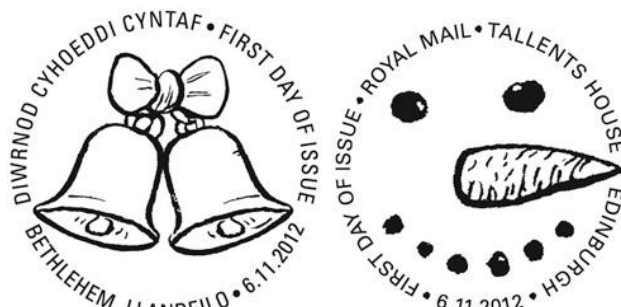
Contest: Create a Christmas stamp

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New Zealand

Bring your design to the December meeting

Have a Merry Christmas



UK Christmas Cancellations from 2012

Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at Stoke School at 7:15pm sales table, 7:30 meeting

Club Programme

Tuesday Dec 10: Dutch Auction (please bring a donated item as your entry to the auction - proceeds to the club) and shared Christmas supper with friends and family

December Display letter: Z

There will be a special prize (Lucky Dip or bar of Chocolate!) for a stamp or display with stamps showing – Christmas Icons

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Christmas stamps from Zazzle – design them yourself



CANADA Christmas 'Gift-bringers' series, 1991

The designs are based on four characters made from torn paper collages scanned, edited and digitally reduced to the proper stamp size. Combining traditional art with the latest in technology, marks the first time that final artwork for a Canadian stamp is simply a computer file!



The **Global Forever®: Evergreen Wreath** stamp was released on October 24. This international rate stamp offers a single price for any First-Class Mail International® 1-ounce letter to any country in the world.

Great Britain – Traditional Christmas



New USA Forever Stamp ;-)



The US Postal Service recently reissued a new \$2 version of a highly publicised stamp error: a 1918 air mail stamp showing the country's first airmail flight, a stamp known as the Inverted Jenny.

The stamp had an upside-down image of the Curtiss JN-4 biplane used to deliver the mail.

The Postal Service reissued the inverted image in September as well as 100 sheets of the image right-side up. Postal Service spokesman said the goal was to generate excitement.



Original



Tokelau



Niue



Monaco (France)



Finland

Christmas Island

Status: A non-self governing territory of Australia
administered by the Australian Attorney General's Department
Population: 1,402 (2010 est)
Area: 52 square miles
Currency: 100 cents = 1 Australian Dollar (AU\$1= US\$ 0.99)

Christmas Island is a volcanic island slightly smaller than the District of Columbia, located in the eastern Indian Ocean, about 1,600 miles northwest of Perth, Australia and about 300 miles south of Jakarta, Indonesia.

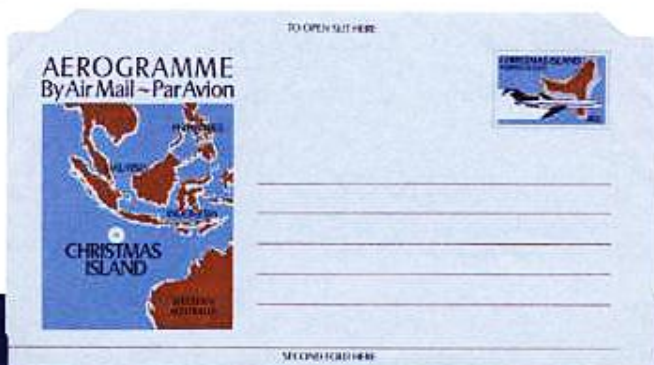
The island was named by Captain William Mynors of the British East India Company when he spotted it on Christmas Day 1643. The earliest recorded visit occurred when William Dampier, skipper of the British *Cygnet*, landed on the uninhabited island in 1688. It was not until the second half of the nineteenth century that the island was explored — by naturalists motivated by a keen interest in its many unique species of flora and fauna.

Among the rocks found on the island were some samples of nearly pure phosphate of lime. This discovery led to the annexation of the island by the British on June 6, 1888. Soon afterwards a small settlement was established on the northwestern coast as a support base for the growing industry on the Cocos Islands. Phosphate mining in the 1890s brought to the island indentured workers from Singapore, Malaya, and China.

Initially, the British Colonial Office administered Christmas Island as part of the Straits Settlements. After 1900 it was placed under Singapore, which was then a crown colony. A Straits Settlements postal agency was opened on the island in 1901. The Japanese occupied the island from March 1942 until October 1945. In the immediate post-war era, stamps of the British Military Administration in Malaya were used. After 1948 they were replaced by those of Singapore.

In 1957 Australia bought the island £2.9 million, which was the estimated value of the phosphate exports, although national security was probably a greater interest to Australia than the phosphate revenue. On October 15, 1958, Australia acquired the island. Special Christmas Island stamps were placed on sale the same day. The island's postal services were managed by the Phosphate Commission from 1958 to 1969 and the island administration from 1969 to 1993. On March 2, 1993 responsibility for the island's postal administration was taken over by Australia Post.

Christmas Island stamps are valid for postage in Australia and, conversely, Australian stamps may be used on Christmas Island mail.







IN THE NEWS



Christmas Island



2013 Christmas



Cyprus



There are 42,000 ZIP codes in the USA. According to the US Postal Service, which instated **Zoning Improvement Plan** codes in 1963 to better cope with increasing mail volume.

The anatomy of the address accompaniment is: the first number represents a general geographic area of the nation, "0" in the East, moving to "9" in the West. The next two numbers represent regional areas, and the final two identify specific post offices. Ketchikan, Alaska is home to 99950, the highest ZIP on record. And 12345 would be General Electric, in Schenectady, New York.



USA



Minutes of the Nelson Philatelic Society which met in the Woodstock Room
at the Stoke School - November 12 at 7:30pm

Welcome: Allan welcomed 13 members to this evenings meeting. We welcomed David Hargest a visitor.

Minutes: Minutes of the October meeting as circulated in the newsletter were takes as read. Paula/Robert

Matters Arising: Where are the stamp magazines coming from? Who ever it is "Thank You"

Correspondence In: The stamp Collector Volume 93#3; Catalogues X7; Invitations to an evening on Microsoft Cloud: Bruce Henderson offering services to be a guest speaker and providing leaflets encouraging collection of lesser known countries. Baypex prospectus. Newsletters from Auckland and Marlborough. Information and order forms from RPS for 125years of the RPSNZ T C Thackery and Postage Stamps of New Zealand by B G Vincent. Earthquake relief stamps. Various emails requesting stamp exchanges. Email from Steven Anderson visiting Nelson from January to April from Washington USA. **Out:** Emails received with requests for stamp exchange sent to Pam for the Newsletter. Letter of thanks to Len Jury for attending our Annual Nelson Marlborough Day. Letter of congratulations to Dunedin Society on 100 years. Paula/John G

General Business: The topic of advertising was discussed and postponed to the next executive meeting.

- **Allan** apologised to any one who was offended by the comments made about the exhibits entered in the 8 page competition. The critiques are intended to help develop exhibits.
- **Paula** asked that the clubs congratulations be passed on to **Drew** for the work he does with Wasp eradication at Lake Rotoiti as shown on 'Wild About New Zealand'.
- **Robert** asked if we had any views about the demise of daily post delivery. A lively discussion followed.
- **Klaus** asked if there was a catalogue that lists the number of stamps issued. It was thought that Campbell Patterson did but this was stopped in the 50s and 60s.
- Circuit book has gone out again tonight. Still need 6 booklets to make up a new circuit volumn.

Items of interest: Pam's letter from NZPost thanking them for putting a stamp on the letter. **Len's** framed sheet of New Zealand 3d Red Cross issued in 1959.

Letter of the Month- 'O'

- Adolph Simon Ochs, USA Publisher – **Anne**
- Orange Free State – **Robert**
- Omnibus issue for QEII Coronation - **Len**
- Arms Officials, over prints from 1935 - **Drew**
- Spot the difference among the overprints, and Trinidad and Tabago – **John G**
- Otago Peninsular - **Klaus**
- First Day cover from Otago Centennial – **Stephen**
- **Onekaka – Kelvin was the winner**

Special Display – Bikes Pam – envelopes where stamps were of wheels. **Winner: Stephen – motorcycles through the ages.**

Program: An interesting talk from Kelvin on his postcard collection of Annie Wells. Thank you Kelvin.

Judging of the 8-page Competition: Arms Officials 1931 – a late entry with the consent of the meeting. Drew was the winner. Maritime Heritage of Australia. Kelvin. Cinderellas – Robert

The meeting was declared closed at 8:38

Next meeting - Dec 10 and the letter is Z.

Dutch auction with donated material from members. This is our end of the year Christmas shared supper (bring a small plate). Spouses and friends invited.

Royal Mail encourages children to submit designs for 2013's Christmas stamps.

It is only the third time that the official Christmas stamp has been designed by children. The theme this year is 'What does the Christmas season mean to you?' and the competition is open to children aged 4-11.

As with all special stamps issued by the Royal Mail, the designs will have to be approved by the Queen.

Schools, and parents of home-schooled children, can sign-up to the competition online or by returning the application form in a pack sent to them by iChild, the online educational resource centre, in association with Royal Mail.

The 120 regional runners up and their schools will each receive prizes of £100. From those, a shortlist of 24 finalists will be chosen. They and their schools will receive prizes of £500. From the finalists two winners will be chosen, one for the First Class Christmas stamp and once for the Second Class. They will also receive prizes of £1,000 for the school and £1,000 in vouchers for the child.



1981



1966

