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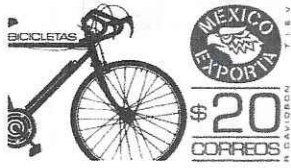
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Editorial



FROM THE PRESIDENT

This issue of Bicycle Stamps could not have been produced without the help of Thomas Matthies, assisted by Piet-Hein Hilarides, to prepare the New issue Update. I am very grateful to them. There are fewer New Issues listed this time, but it does mean, possibly, less outlay?

Not content with preparing the New Issues, Thomas Matthies has been delving into the past and unearthed details of Théodore Champion who rode a tricycle and set a Road cycling record over 50km in 1891.

Although the Summer Olympics 2012 are over and forgotten by many, I was delighted to find out the name of the cyclist depicted on the trial proof sheet produced by Royal Mail, a few weeks before the Olympic Games opened. The cyclist was Wendy Houvenaghel, a member of the British Team, but she was not selected to ride in the Olympics, to her great disappointment. The information came from Glenn Morgan who publishes on the internet a news sheet entitled "Dummy Stamps" from time to time. Glenn has kindly allowed me to reproduce pages from three issues of "Dummy Stamps", which describe Royal Mail's preparations to issue a stamp depicting each GB Olympic Gold Medal winner within 24 hours.

A local Bude Cycle Post was mentioned in the last issue. Thanks to a letter sent to Gibbons Stamp Monthly I have gleaned more information about this service, which has now ceased. It was a victim of its own success! The organiser could not cope with the volume of mail received for delivery locally.

Jordi Quintana has kindly provided a list of clear bicycle cancellations from Spain over the past 10 years. Cancellations and special handstamps relating to the Bicycle can add to the interest of a bicycle collection. There are only a few catalogues devoted to cancellations and I am pleased to include Jordi's listing.

Sadly two more deaths have been reported since the last issue of "Bicycle stamps". Raymond See of the Philippines had allowed his membership of BSC to lapse but he was one of the most dedicated bicycle stamps collectors I have ever known. He was also a serious competitive bike rider. Jordi Quintana advised me of Raymond's death from cardiac arrest during a bicycle race. It was first reported on 4 June 2012. John, or "Rocco", Richardson also died in June 2012. He developed jaundice at the beginning of 2012 and the Doctors then found that he had grown a tumour, which had grown too large for an operation. News came via his partner, Liz Crease. Liz and John had met through cycling and they had covered many miles together, including two Paris Brest Paris rides. Our condolences go to the families.

I have received another communication from Felicity Wade, the daughter of our past President, Graham Wade. She has asked Prestige Auctions in Australia to dispose of her father's stamp collections. I have requested that when Prestige have prepared the auction catalogue, details of Graham's lots are set to me for circulation to members of the Bicycle Stamps Club.

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New Issue Update

BELARUS	28.1.13	H	TRACK CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2013 - LOGO - FLUORESCING CYCLIST AS PROTECTION ELEMENT (H = 5500 BYR: 20 GRAM LETTER) {\$ WNS: ...}	1→Shl(6)	75-08
BELARUS	28.1.13	6 x H	# - SHEETLET OF 6 OF THE ABOVE STAMP - TEXT IN MARGIN (ЧЭМПІЯНАТ СБЕТУ = WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP) {\$ WNS: ...}		75-08
BELARUS	29.4.13	2 x H + 2 x P	EUROPE 2013 - THE POSTMAN VAN - SHEETLET OF 4 STAMPS - STAMPS OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - BICYCLE IN TAB {... WNS: ...}	2→Shl(2x2+T)	75-14
BELGIUM	21.5.12	① World	OLYMPIC GAMES LONDON 2012 - CHANGEOVER IN RELAY RACE - CYCLIST'S SHILOUETTE IN BACKGR. (1,19€) {\$ WNS: ...}	1→Shl(5)	75-07
BELGIUM	21.5.12	5x ① World	# - SHEETLET OF 5 OF THE ABOVE STAMP {\$ WNS: ...} - NO CYCLING MOTIF IN MARGIN		
BELGIUM	11.2.13	②	ROAD SAFETY GO FOR ZERO - DRAWING OF ELIEN LABEY - TRAFFICSCENE: CYCLIST WITH HELMET {... WNS: ...}	5→MS(5)	75-07
BELGIUM	11.2.13	5x ②	# - MINIATURE SHEET WITH 5 DIFF. INCL. THE ABOVE - DRAWN CYCLISTS IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-07
BELGIUM	25.3.13	①	100 JAAR 'RONDE VAN VLAANDEREN' - CYCLIST AT THE "MUUR" {... WNS: ...}	1→Shl(10)	75-07
BELGIUM	25.3.13	10x ①	# - SHEETLET OF 10 OF THE ABOVE STAMP - AUDIENCE AT THE "MUUR" {... WNS: ...}		75-07
BELGIUM	28.10.13	①	NEW MUSEUMS IN 2013 - WAR MUSEUM BASTOGNE - PEOPLE ON JEEP - BICYCLE LEANING AGAINST HEDGE {... WNS: ...}	3→3Shl(10)	75-07
BELGIUM	28.10.13	10x ①	# - SHEETLET OF 10 OF THE ABOVE STAMP {... WNS: ...}		75-07
BOLIVIA	17.8.12	BS 4.00	LA BICICLETA DE LOS HUANCA (THE HUANCA'S BICYCLE) - MOVIE SCENE: HELEUTERIO (ALDO VELASQUEZ) RIDING BIKE (THE MOST SUCCESSFUL BOLIVIAN TV SERIES - COMEDY ABOUT A SMUGGLERS RACE BIKE AND A BIKE CONTEST FOR IT) {... WNS: ...}	1→Pn(100)	75-07
BURUNDI ¹	15.10.12	3000 F	OLYMPIC LONDON - ROADCYCLING - 3 CYCLISTS (STAMPERIJA) {... WNS: ...}	4→MS(4) +1→MS(1)	75-10
BURUNDI ¹	15.10.12		# - MINIATURE SHEET OF 4 DIFF. INCL. ABOVE {... WNS: ...}		75-10
CHAD ¹	?.?.12	350 f	OLYMPIC GAMES LONDON 2012 - 1948 JACQUES DUPONT - 2012 LASSE NORMAN HANSEN (UP TO NOW NOT PUBLISHED ON STAMPERIJA'S WEBSITE) {... WNS: ...}	18→3MS(6) →6MS(3)	75-13
CHAD ¹	?.?.12	350 f	# - 1948 MARIO GHELLA - 2012 JASON KENNY {... WNS: ...}		75-13
CHAD ¹	?.?.12	350 f	# - 1948 JOSÉ BEYAERT - 2012 A. VINOKUROV {... WNS: ...}		75-13
CHAD ¹	?.?.12	6 x 350 f	# - MINIATURE SHEET OF 6 DIFF. "CYCLING & GYMNASTICS" INCL. THE 3 ABOVE STAMPS {... WNS: ...}		75-13
CHAD ¹	?.?.12	3 x 350 f	# - MIN. SHEET OF 3 DIFF. "CYCLING" WITH THE 3 ABOVE STAMPS - J. KULHAVÝ & B. WIGGINS IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-13
* COLOMBIA	27.6.12	\$ 3000	OLYMPIC LONDON - RUNNING - CYCLING - RIDING {... WNS: ...}	4→CShl(2x4)	74-17
COLOMBIA	18.12.12	\$ 1800	COLUMBIAN MEDAL WINNERS IN LONDON 2012 - MEDALS WON BY COLUMBIAN ATHLETS - 3 FOR CYCLING {... WNS: ...}	1→Shl(4)+ 1→MS(1)	75-13
COLOMBIA	18.12.12	4 x \$ 1800	# - SHEETLET OF 4 OF THE ABOVE STAMPS - MEDAL WINNERS IN TABS/MARGIN (CYCLISTS: MARIANA PAJÓN, RIGOBERTO URÁN, CARLOS UQUENDO) {... WNS: ...}		75-13
COLOMBIA	18.12.12	\$ 30000	# - SPEC. EDITION - # - DIFF. VALUE {... WNS: ...}		75-13
COLOMBIA	18.12.12	\$ 30000	# - MINIATURE SHEET WITH THE STAMP ABOVE - MEDAL WINNERS IN MARGIN (NUMBER OF COPIES: 500) {... WNS: ...}		75-13
CONGO, DEMOC. REP. OF (KINSHASA) ¹	?.?.12	10000 FC	OLYMPIC GAMES LONDON 2012 - MINIATURE SHEET WITH SOCCER STAMP ON SILVER FOIL CYCLIST IN MARGIN (UP TO NOW NOT PUBLISHED ON STAMPERIJA'S WEBSITE) {... WNS: ...}		75-12
CONGO, DR ¹	?.?.12	10000 FC	# - STAMP AN GOLD FOIL {... WNS: ...}		75-12
DENMARK	4.3.13	12,50 Kr	EUROPE 2013 - POSTAL VEHICLES - THREE-WHEEL ELECTRIC BICYCLE - SELF-ADHESIVE {... WNS: ...}	1→Pn(36)+1→MS(1)	75-14
DENMARK	4.3.13	12,50 Kr	# - ON GUMMED PAPER {... WNS: ...}		75-14
DENMARK	4.3.13	12,50 Kr	# - MINIATURE SHEET WITH THE STAMP ABOVE - ILLUSTRATION SHOWING THE WORKING DRAWING FOR THE NEW ELECTRIC BICYCLE IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-14
FRENCH POLYNESIA	2.1.13	75 F	DAILY LIFE SCENES OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY - LE "QUINNS" (QUINN'S BAR) {... WNS: ...}	2	75-08

GERMANY	9.8.12	0,55 €	125 YEARS "MADE IN GERMANY" - POSTAL STAT. COVER WITH IMPR. STAMPP "125 JAHRE AUTOMOBIL" - PENNYFARTHING ON COVER {§}	1	75-08
GERMANY	??12	0,45 €	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 VALKENBURG - PLUSKARTE - CARD WITH IMPR. STAMP "LIGHTFIRE NORDENEY" - JUDITH ARNDT - WOMEN'S TIME TRIAL (SPORTHILFE POST. STAT. NO. 249) {...}		75-08
GERMANY	??12	0,45 €	# - TONY MARTIN - MEN'S TIME TRIAL (SPORTHILFE PPOSTAL STAIONARY NO. 250) {...}		75-08
GHANA	??12	1,50 ₵	OLYMPICS LONDON 2012 - CYCLING - FRONT PART OF STYLIZED BICYCLE (IGPC) {... WNS: ...}	4→4MS(1)	74-37
GHANA	??12	1,50 ₵	# - MINIATURE SHEET WITH THE STAMP ABOVE - DESIGN OF STAMP CONTINUED IN MARGIN & "CYCLING" {... WNS: ...}		74-37
GUINEA ¹	17.12.12	5000 Fr	LEGENDS OF SUMMER SPORT 2012 (OLYMPIC GAMES) - MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SPRINT - JASON KENNY (GBR) {... WNS: ...}	6→MS(6)	75-09
GUINEA ¹	17.12.12	10000 Fr	# - BMX WOMEN - MARIANA PAJÓN (COL) {... WNS: ...}		75-09
GUINEA ¹	17.12.12	5000 Fr	# - MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY - J. KULHAVÝ (CZE) {... WNS: ...}		75-09
GUINEA ¹	17.12.12	10000 Fr	# - WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY - JULIE BRESSET (FRA) {... WNS: ...}		75-09
GUINEA ¹	17.12.12	5000 Fr	# - BMX MEN - MĀRIS ŠTROMBERGS (LAT) {... WNS: ...}		75-09
GUINEA ¹	17.12.12	10000 Fr	# - WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL SPRINT - (ANNA MEARES (AUS) HAVE WON, BUT PICT. SEEMS TO BE V. PENDLETON) {... WNS: ...}		75-09
GUINEA ¹	17.12.12		# - MINIATURE SHEET OF THE 6 ABOVE - BICYCLES IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-09
GUINEA-BISSAU ¹	10.9.12	650 FCFA	TRANSPORTS - BICYCLES - DANDY HORSE {... WNS: ...}	16→4MS(4)	75-08
GUINEA-BISSAU ¹	10.9.12	650 FCFA	# - PENNY FARTHING {... WNS: ...}		75-08
GUINEA-BISSAU ¹	10.9.12	650 FCFA	# - ROVER SAFETY {... WNS: ...}		75-08
GUINEA-BISSAU ¹	10.9.12	650 FCFA	# - ENGLISH 3-SPEED {... WNS: ...}		75-08
GUINEA-BISSAU ¹	10.9.12	4 x 650 FCFA	# - MINIATURE SHEET OF THE 4 ABOVE - BICYCLES IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-08
ISRAEL	??13	2 NIS	50 YEARS OF ARAD - 2 MOUNTAIN BIKERS {... WNS: ...}	1	75-09
JERSEY	19.3.13	45 p	EUROPE 2013 - POSTAL VEHICLES - POSTAL BIKE - MAIL CARRIER ON BIKE IN BACKGROUND {... WNS: ...}	4→4Sh(10)	75-15
JERSEY	19.3.13	10 x 45 p	# - SHEETLET OF 10 WITH THE STAMP ABOVE - 2 MAIL CARRIERS WITH BICYCLE IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-15
JERSEY	19.3.13	10 x 55 p	# - SHEETLET OF 10 - STAMP OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - 2 MAIL CARRIERS WITH BICYCLE IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-15
JERSEY	19.3.13	10 x 60 p	# {... WNS: ...}		75-15
JERSEY	19.3.13	10 x 80 p	# {... WNS: ...}		75-15
KOREA (NORTH)	??12	4 x 70 w	OLYMPIC LONDON - MIN. SHEET OF 4 (GYMNASTICS) - STAMP OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - PICTOGRAM IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}	4→4MS(4)+ BkP(4)→Bk(4)	74-35
KOREA (NORTH)	20.1.13	70 w	SPORTS - 2 ROAD CYCLISTS {... WNS: ...}	4→4Sh(4)→Bk(4)	75-09
KOREA (NORTH)	20.1.13	4 x 70 w	# - SHEETLET OF 4 OF THE ABOVE STAMP {... WNS: ...}		75-09
KOREA (NORTH)	20.1.13	4 x 50 w	# - SHEETLET OF 4 CRICKET STAMPS - CYCLING PICTOGRAM IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-09
KOREA (NORTH)	20.1.13		# - BOOKLET PANE OF 4 DIFF. STAMPS INCL. THE ABOVE CYCLING STAMP - PICT. IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-09
KOREA (NORTH)	20.1.13		# - BOOKLET WITH THE PANE ABOVE - CYCLIST STAMP ON COVER {... WNS: ...}		75-09
LATVIA	23.11.12	35 LS	OLYMPIC GAMES LONDON 2012 MEDALS WINNERS - MĀRIS ŠTROMBERGS - GOLD MEDAL BMX {§ WNS: ...}	2→2MS(4)	75-09
LATVIA	23.11.12	4 x 35 Ls	# - MINIATURE SHEET OF 4, PRINTED IN 2 VERTICAL TÊTE-BÊCHE {§ WNS: ...}		75-09
LATVIA	30.1.13	35 Ls / 0,50 €	FREE THEME - DEDICATION FOR LATVIAN SPORTSMEN - STYLIZED BMX-RIDER {§ WNS: ...}	1	75-09
LIECHTENSTEIN	4.3.13	1,40 €	EUROPE 2013 - POSTAL VEHICLES - "FAHRZEUGRÄDER" ("VEHICLE WHEELS") - CONTEMPORARY DESIGN - 3 WHEELS IN ONE: COACH, BICYCLE, CAR {... WNS: ...}	1→Pn(20)	75-14
LIECHTENSTEIN	4.3.13	20 x 1,40 €	# - PANE OF 20 - CONT. DESIGN IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-14
MALAYSIA	21.6.12	20 x 60 Sen	TRADITIONAL LIVELIHOOD - COMPOSITE PANE OF 10x2 DIFF. - STAMPS OF NO CYCLING INT. - RIKSHAW IN TAB {... WNS: ...}	4→2CPn(2x10+t) +5→Bk(2+5)	75-10
MALAYSIA	21.6.12	20 x 1 RM	# - COMPOSITE PANE OF 10x2 DIFF. - STAMPS OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - RIKSHAW IN CENTER TAB {... WNS: ...}		75-10
MALAYSIA	21.6.12	60 Sen	# - TRANSPORT WITH BICYCLE {... WNS: MY032.12}		75-10
MALAYSIA	21.6.12	60 Sen	# - TRANSPORT WITH RIKSHAW {... WNS: MY034.12}		75-10

MALAYSIA	21.6.12	10 x 60 Sen	# - BOOKLET PANE WITH 2 X 5 DIFF. STAMPS INCL. THE BOTH ABOVE STAMPS (BOTH ROWS OF STAMPS ARE SHIFTED ARRANGED, SO DIFF. SE-TENANTS POSSIBLE (1 WITH BOTH CYCLING STAMPS VERTICAL)) {... WNS: ...}		75-10
MALAYSIA	21.6.12	10 x 60 Sen	# - BOOKLET WITH THE PANE ABOVE - RIKSHAW ON COVER {... WNS: ...}		75-10
MALAYSIA	22.10.12	60 Sen	POSTMAN'S UNIFORM - POSTMAN OF THE 50'S WITH BICYCLE {... WNS: ...}	3→3Pn(20) +2→MS(2)	75-10
MALAYSIA	22.10.12	20 x 60 Sen	# - PANE OF 20 OF THE STAMP ABOVE WITH TAB (WITHOUT BICYCLE MOTIF) {... WNS: ...}		75-10
MALAYSIA	22.10.12	2 RM	# - 2 POSTMAN WITH BICYCLE {... WNS: ...}		75-10
MALAYSIA	22.10.12	3 RM	# - MIN. SHEET OF 2 INCL. THE ABOVE {... WNS: ...}		75-10
* MOLDOVA	21.7.12	5,40 L	OLYMPIC LONDON - MOUNTAIN BIKER {... WNS: ...}	2→2Shl(10)	74-31
NETHERLANDS	10.9.12	①	125 ANNIVERSARY OF CARRÉ - TIGHTROPE ARTIST WITH MONOCYCLE {... WNS: ...}	10→CSH(10)	75-11
NETHERLANDS	10.9.12	10 x ①	# - COMPOSITE SHEETLET OF 10 DIFF. INCL. THE ABOVE STAMP; TEXT ON TAB IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-11
NIGER	???.11	2 x 1200 F	OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES LONDON 2012 - MINIATURE SHEET OF 2 DIFF. - STAMPS OF NO CYCLING INTEREST - CYCLIST IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}	2→MS(2)	74-28
RUSSIA	7.8.12	A	230TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF POST OFFICE IN NIZHNY NOVGOROD - POSTAL STATIONARY COVER - POSTMAN WITH BICYCLE ON COVER {... WNS: ...}	1	75-11
SAN MARINO	9.5.12	1,50 €	40TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNESCO HERITAGE - PARIS (EIFFEL TOWER, LOUVRE PYRAMID), TOURIST ON BICYCLE {... WNS: ...}	4→MS(4)	75-11
SAN MARINO	9.5.12	1,50 €	# - GALAPAGOS (DARWIN, TURTLE, DINOSAUR) AND PART OF FRONTWHEEL OF BICYCLE OF THE ABOVE STAMP {... WNS: ...}		75-11
SAN MARINO	9.5.12	2 x 1,50 €	# - SE-TENANT OF THE 2 STAMPS ABOVE (COMPLETE BICYCLE) {... WNS: ...}		75-11
SAN MARINO	9.5.12	4 x 1,50 €	# - MIN. SHEET OF 4 DIFF. INCL. THE 2 ABOVE STAMP {... WNS: ...}		75-11
SLOVENIA	29.3.13	0,64 €	EUROPE 2013 - POSTAL VEHICLES - POSTAL BIKE {... WNS: ...}	2→2Shl(8+T)	75-14
SLOVENIA	29.3.13	8 x 0,64 €	# - SHEETLET OF 8 WITH THE STAMP ABOVE AND A CENTER TAB (UP TO NOW NO INFO ABOUT TAB AND MARGIN) {... WNS: ...}		75-14
SPAIN	12.9.12	0,70 €	VÍAS VERDES. ANTIGUA ESTACIÓN DE ALCAUDETE - OLD TRAIN STATION OF ALCAUDETE - CYCLIST {... WNS: ...}	1→Pn(50)	75-11
SURINAME	22.12.12	1,00 SRD	OLYMPIC LONDON 2012 - CYCLIST {... WNS: ...}	12→CPn(2x12)+ 3→MS(3)	75-12
SURINAME	22.12.12		# - COMPOSITE PANE OF 2 X 12 DIFF. DIVIDED BY GUTTER; INCL. THE ABOVE STAMP {... WNS: ...}		75-12
SWEDEN	14.3.13	12 KR	EUROPE 2013 - MAIL EN ROUTE - MAIL CARRIER ON BIKE {... WNS: ...}	2→MS(2)	75-14
SWEDEN	14.3.13	2 x 12 KR	# - MIN. SHEET OF 2 INCL. ABOVE STAMP {... WNS: ...}		75-14
SWITZERLAND	7.3.13	0,85 CHF	BFU (SWISS COUNCIL FOR ACCIDENT PREVENTION) - PART OF BICYCLE RIDER'S SILHOUETTE {... WNS: ...}	1→Pn(20)	75-11
UGANDA	22.10.12	3400 UGS	TRANSPORT - UNMOTORIZED VEHICLES - PADDLEBOAT {... WNS: ...}	4→MS(4)+ 1→MS(1)	75-12
UGANDA	22.10.12	4100 UGS	# - VELOMOBILE {... WNS: ...}		75-12
UGANDA	22.10.12		# - MINIATURE SHEET OF 4 DIFF. INCL. THE 2 ABOVE - BICYCLE IN MARGIN {... WNS: ...}		75-12
UZBEKISTAN	???.12	800 S	OLYMPIC GAMES LONDON 2012 - PELOTON OF ROAD CYCLISTS {... WNS: ...}	1	75-12

PERSONALIZED STAMPS (→ Key 10)

GERMANY	??10.12	25 c	GOLDMEDAL WINNERS 2012 - MARKEINDIVIDUELL - TEAM SPRINT WOMEN - MIRIAM WELTE & KRISTINA VOGEL (PUBLISHER: "DEUTSCHE SPORTHILFE")	11+10→5Bk(2)	75-16
GERMANY	??10.12	45 c	# - PORTOCARD INDIVIDUELL - TEAM SPRINT WOMEN - MIRIAM WELTE & KRISTINA VOGEL		75-16
GERMANY	??10.12	45 c	# - PORTOCARD INDIVIDUELL - TEAM SPRINT WOMEN - MIRIAM WELTE & KRISTINA VOGEL		75-16
GERMANY	??10.12	2 x 45 c	# - BOOKLET (FOLDED FOIL) WITH THE 2 STAMPS ABOVE - PICTURE OF 25 C STAMP ON COVER		75-16
NETHERLANDS	26.3.12	1	TWALF PROVICIËN POSTZEGELS: LIMBURG - DONALD DUCK, HUEY, DEWEY, AND LOUIE ON A TANDEM	3→MS(3)	75-16
NETHERLANDS	26.3.12	3 x 1	# - MINIATURE SHEET WITH 3 STAMPS INCL. THE ABOVE (SOLD IN A "POSTSET" WITH 3 POSTCARDS)		75-16
NETHERLANDS	28.5.12	1	ALPE D'HUZEZ - (CHARITY EVENT FOR CYCLISTS, RUNNERS OR HANDBIKERS FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER)	3→MS(3)	75-16

NETHERLANDS	28.5.12	1	#		75-16
NETHERLANDS	28.5.12	1	#		75-16
NETHERLANDS	28.5.12	3 x 1	# - MINIATURE SHEET WITH THE 3 STAMPS ABOVE (SOLD IN A "POSTSET" WITH 3 POSTCARDS)		75-16
NETHERLANDS	6.8.12	1	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 LIMBURG - MARCEL KINT (1938)	3→MS(3)	75-16
NETHERLANDS	6.8.12	1	# - CYCLIST (PART OF THE OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN PICTURE)		75-16
NETHERLANDS	6.8.12	1	# - JAN RAAS (1979)		75-16
NETHERLANDS	6.8.12	3 x 1	# - MINIATURE SHEET WITH THE 3 STAMPS ABOVE (SOLD IN A "POSTSET" WITH 3 POSTCARDS)		75-16

LOCAL STAMPS

GERMANY					
LVZ POST	?.?.12	0,42 €	LVZ FAHRRADFEST - CARD WITH CARTOON OF CYCLIST - IMPRINTED STAMP OF NO CYCLING INTEREST (SOLD IN A "POSTSET" WITH 3 POSTCARDS) {...}	1	75-17
NETHE-KURIER	4.9.12	0,89 €	CHILDREN'S PAINTINGS - PAINTING OF MIGUEL CANAK (10) - POSTMAN ON BICYCLE {...}	3	75-17
PIN MAIL WOLTERS DORF	6.12.10	0,25 €	TOURISM IN EASTERN BRANDENBURGIA - GROUP OF CYCLING TOURISTS {§}	6	75-17
SANGERHÄUSER KURIER	8.12.12	0,37 €	50 YEARS ROSARIO CUP SANGERHAUSEN - UCI CYCLE BALL WORLD CUP FINAL 2012 - TEXT, UCI-EMBLEM, PART OF FRONTWHEEL AND BALL ON LIGHT-GREY BACKGROUND - NAMES OF FORMER WINNERS ON BACKGROUND {...}	2→2Shl(9)+2→2 MS(1)	75-17
SANGERHÄUSER KURIER	8.12.10	0,79 €	# ON DARK-GREY BACKGROUND {...}	2→2Shl(9)+2→2 MS(1)	75-17
SANGERHÄUSER KURIER	8.12.12	9 x 0,37 €	# - SHEETLET OF 9 OF THE ABOVE 0,37 € STAMP - NAMES OF WINNERS AND STYLIZED PLAYERS IN MARGIN {...}		75-17
SANGERHÄUSER KURIER	8.12.10	9 x 0,79 €	# - SHEETLET OF 9 OF THE ABOVE 0,79 € STAMP {...}		75-17
SANGERHÄUSER KURIER	8.12.12	0,37 €	# - AS 0,37 € STAMP ABOVE WITH DIFF. FONT AND FRONTWHEEL {...}		75-17
SANGERHÄUSER KURIER	8.12.10	0,79 €	# - AS 0,79 € STAMP ABOVE WITH DIFF. FONT AND FRONTWHEEL {...}		75-17
SANGERHÄUSER KURIER	8.12.12	0,37 €	# - MIN. SHEET WITH THE 0,37 € STAMP ABOVE - STYLIZED PLAYER AND CLUB EMBLEM IN MARGIN (NUMBER OF COPIES: 150) {...}		75-17
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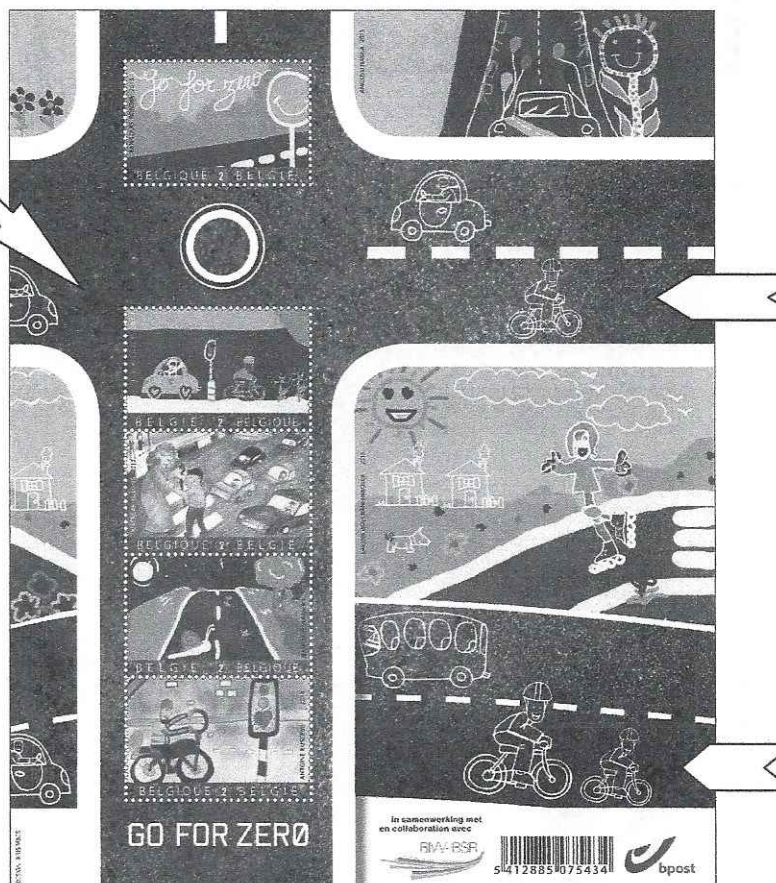
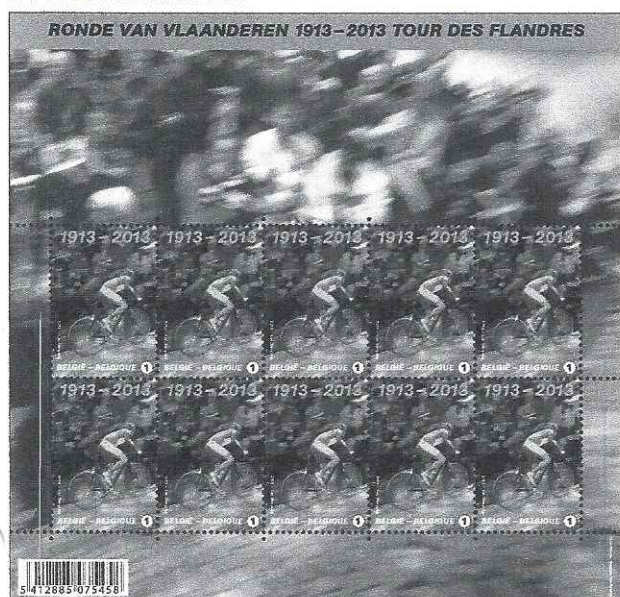


Belgium
21.5.12

Belgium
11.2.13
(Press
preview)



Belgium
25.3.13
(Press
preview)



Belgium 28.10.13
(Press preview)



Bolivia 17.8.12





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Elements of protection
(Fluorescent)



French Polynesia
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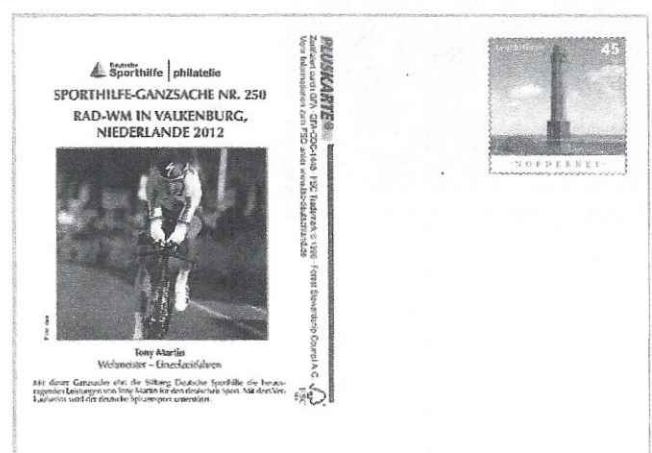
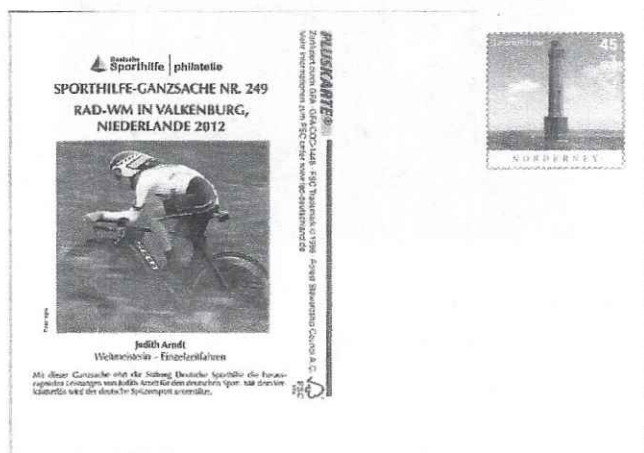
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9.8.12



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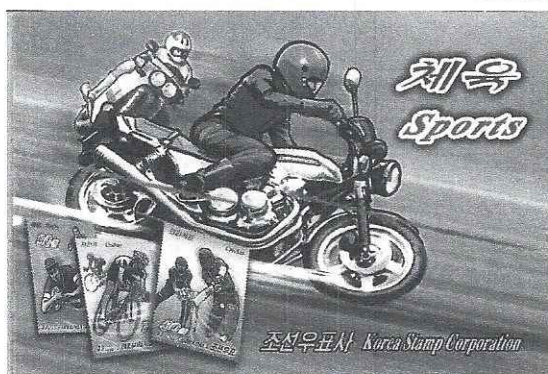
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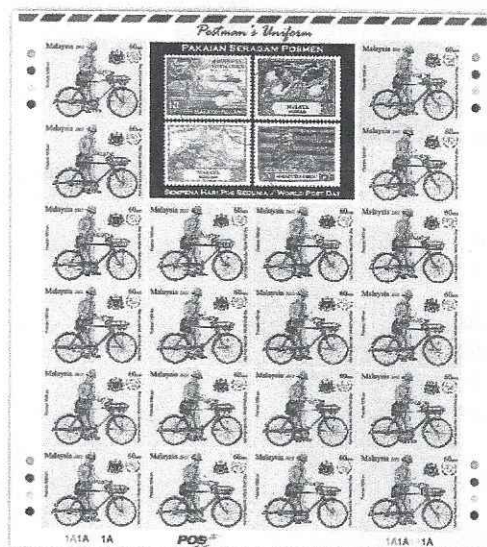
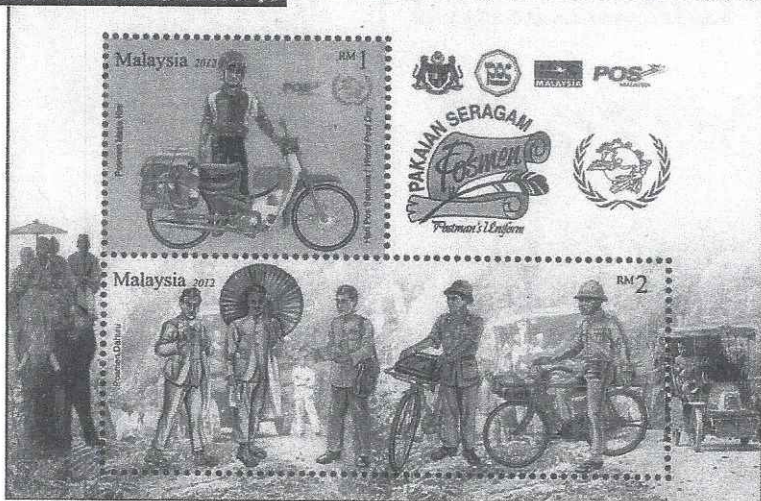




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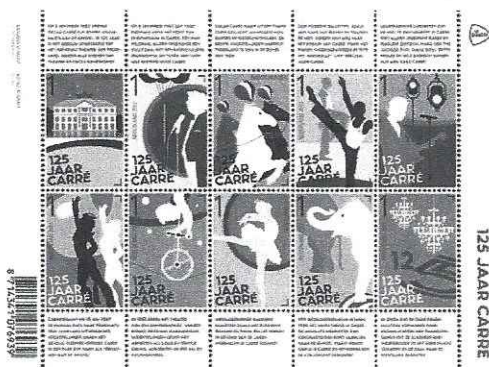


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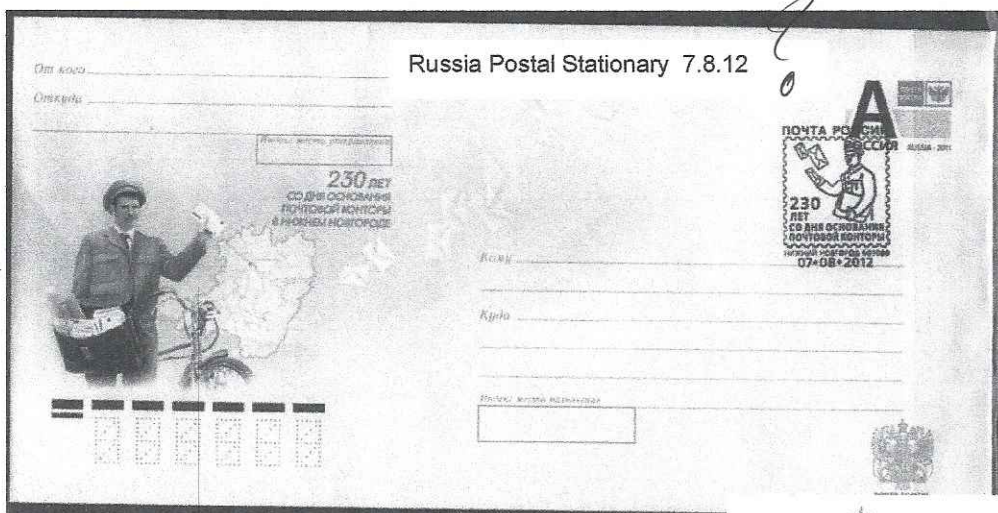




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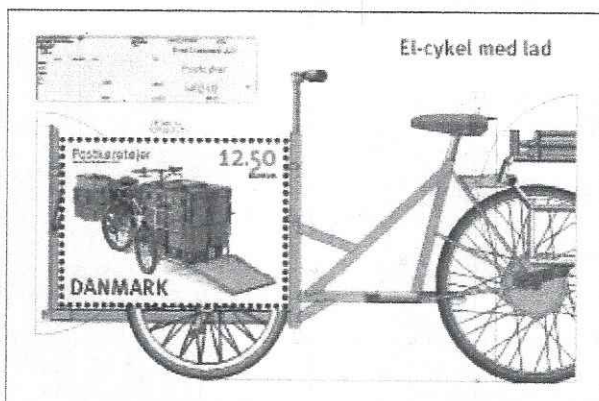
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Danmark
4.3.13 ✓

'Postal Vehicles' is the theme of this year's EUROPA stamp. The Danish stamp shows the new three-wheel electric bicycle Post Danmark has developed in collaboration with the Danish bicycle manufacturer Nihola. The electric bicycle has been introduced as part of the efforts to cut Post Danmark's CO2 emissions by 40% by 2020.

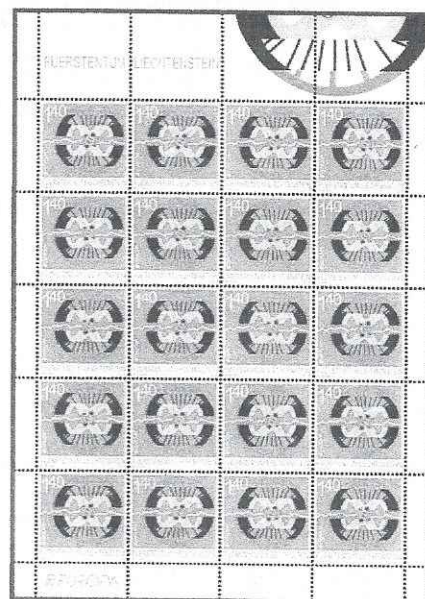
These innovative and eco-friendly bikes are adapted to the needs of modern postal delivery. They can carry more mail than traditional postal bikes and are both safer and faster. As an additional benefit, they are very stable even in very bad weather.



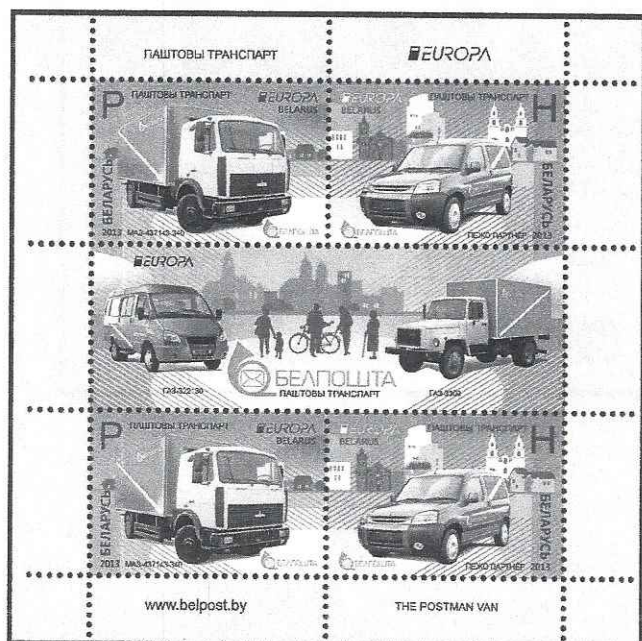
Liechtenstein 4.3.13

For this year's issue, as for many before, the proven approach of collaborating with the Liechtenstein School of Art was adopted. Within the preliminary course there a competition was announced at the end of which the winner was a worthy young designer, Mirjam Büchel (born 1992) from Schellenberg. With her winning entry "Vehicle Wheels" (face value CHF 1.40) she seeks to express through a contemporary design that, contrary to the widely held opinion, among young people there is nothing old-fashioned about writing letters. The stamp depicts a wheel composed of three different wheels, each of which belongs to a quite distinct era of postal transport. The upper and lower yellow wheel

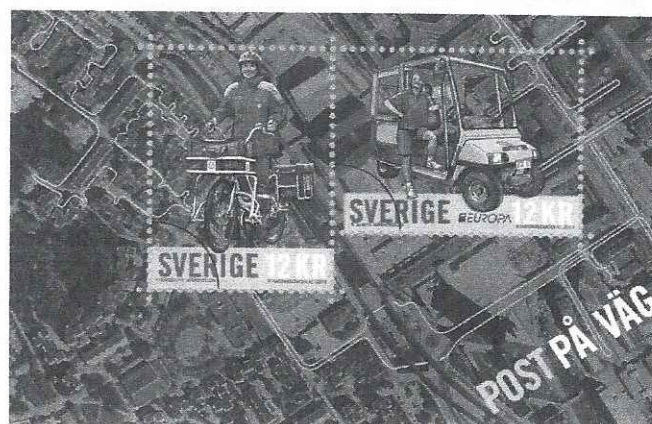
section belongs to a carriage wheel; after this comes the blue wheel of a bicycle, while the middle section is formed by a vehicle wheel depicted in different shades of red. The three types of wheel are not separate, producing instead – according to the young artist – a single entity intended to show that the post has been a continuing presence across the generations. The stamp's face design is in the three national colours blue, red and yellow, which at the same time are also the colours of Liechtensteinische Post AG. Furthermore, interposed with the "postal-vehicle" wheel thus formed is an artistically suggested mountain silhouette depicting the mountain chain which characterises the actual geographical appearance of Liechtenstein. In this way the bond between the Post and the Principality of Liechtenstein is symbolised and the artist highlights just how omnipresent in this country the Post is.



Belarus 29.4.13



Slovenija
29.3.13 ✓



Sweden
14.3.13 ✓



Jersey 19.3.13

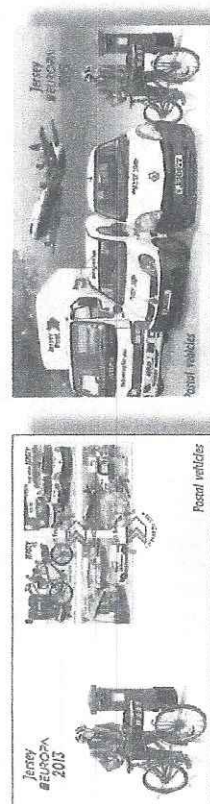
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Europa 2013 Postal vehicles

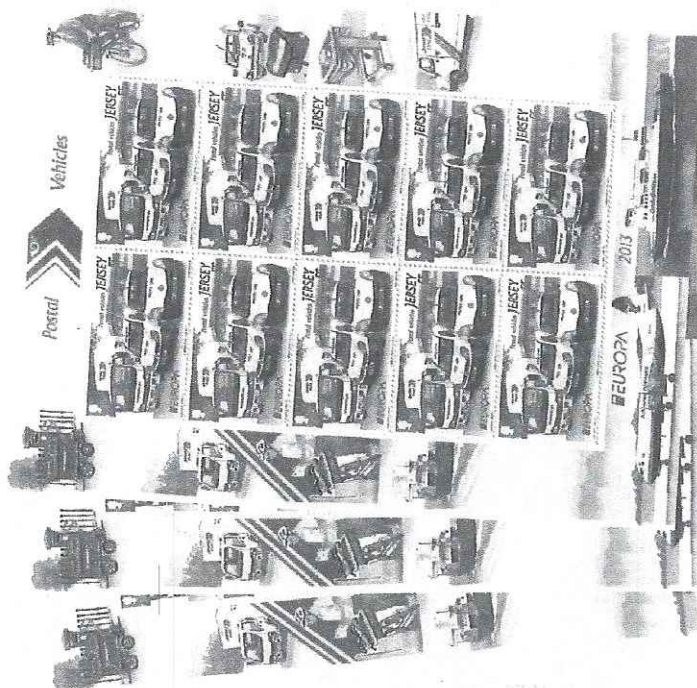


Set of four stamps £2.40

EUROPA stamp issues are among the most collected and most popular stamps in the world. Since the first issue in 1956, EUROPA stamps have been a tangible symbol of Europe's desire for closer integration and cooperation. In 1993, PostEurop became responsible for issuing EUROPA stamps. This year, the theme is Postal vehicles and our set of four stamps explores the various ways in which Jersey's mail is transported.



Stamps First Day Cover and Presentation Pack £5.50 each



Sheets of ten Each stamp is issued in a decorative sheet of ten stamps. The sheets can be bought separately or as a set for £24.00

Jersey Post is most grateful to Condor Ferries and Atlantic Airlines for their assistance in the preparation of this stamp issue.

Technical details: Stamps, Presentation Pack and First Day Cover envelope printed by Colleen Corlett. Stamps printed by Lowe-Martin, Canada in four colour offset lithography in sheets of ten (2 across x 5 down). Stamp die size 30mm deep x 50mm wide. Stamp product designs © Jersey Post Limited 2013.

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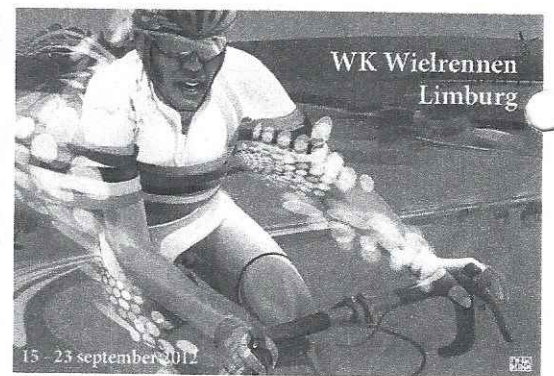
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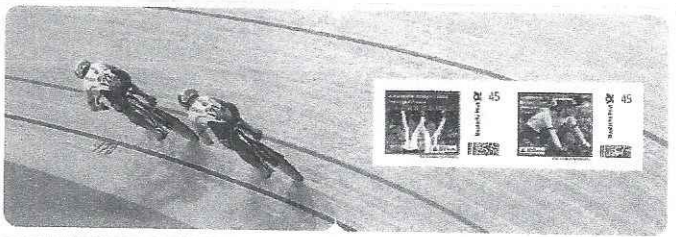


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LOCAL STAMPS

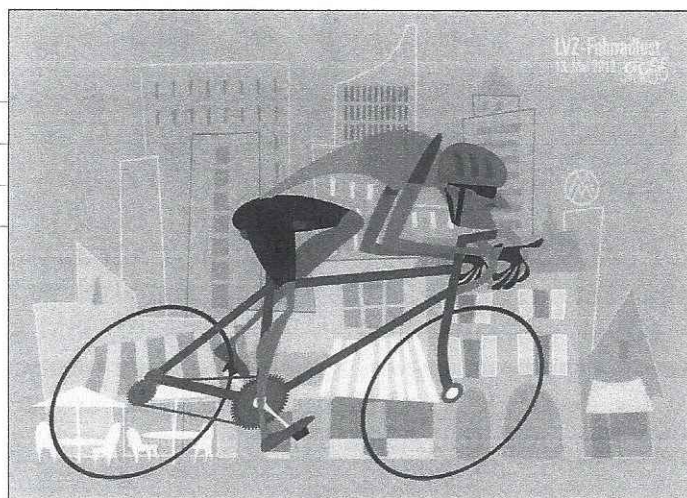
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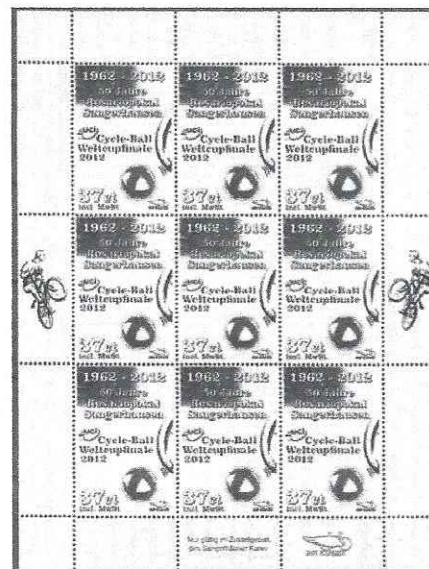


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6.12.10

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8.12.12



normal stamp



Stamp from
Miniature Sheet

BUDE PENNY FARTHING POST



On page 2 of BS 74 there was an illustration of a local post label with an illustration of a Penny-Farthing cycle. The service was also mentioned in Gibbons Stamp Monthly (GSM) and in the October 2012 issue of GSM a reader, David Hill-Smith, confirmed that the postal regulator, Ofcom, did not license the service. He continued "Perhaps the fact that no challenge was raised, despite the enormous local and national publicity, was that Ofcom felt that it was doomed to failure"

"Sadly the Penny Farthing is no longer delivering local letters; the service ceased on 16 July 2012 – a victim of its own success in terms of volume. By June the volume of mail was such that a proper sorting office was required. A small building by the river in Stratton was acquired, which was to become the Penny Farthing Post House, selling tea and coffee as well as postal services. By July this had progressed and plans were in hand to issue a 50p "Large Letter" stamp and other items. The Postmaster started to look for an assistant, especially to cover the holiday period during which he had other business commitments. The Penny Farthing Post had become a great success. However, on 4 July the Postmaster had a nasty spill off his bike and had to do his rounds on foot for a while; the volume of mail made this unsustainable. The time spent dealing with and delivering mail continued to grow until it became too much for one man and no assistant had been found. By 16 July the Postmaster decided to call a halt while he was still on the up. He had proved the concept, satisfied a strong local demand and built up a following of local customers."

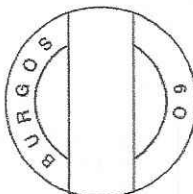
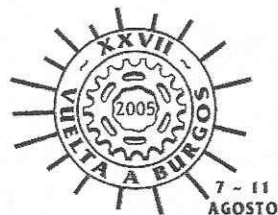
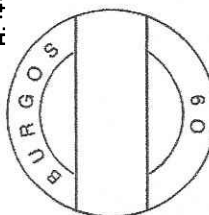
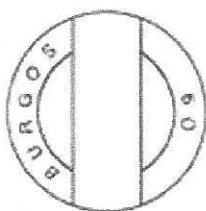
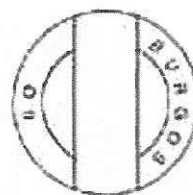
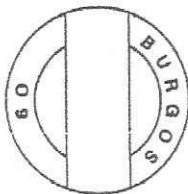
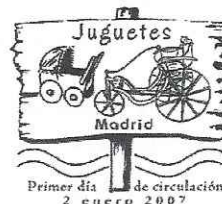
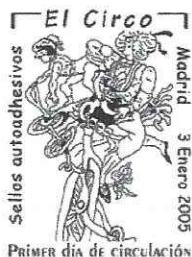
The "Cinderella Philatelist" issue of July 2012 provided additional information about this service. It began operation on 1 April 2012 around the Bude area of North Cornwall. The Postmaster was named as Graham Eccles who delivered letters around the twin towns of Bude and Stratton and three days a week to the neighbouring villages of Poughill, Marhamchurch and Widemouth Bay on his adapted Penny Farthing bicycle.

Letters were picked up from shops, stores and pubs in the area and each one was charged 25p for delivery. This was half the price of a Royal Mail 2nd class stamp. The design consisted of a silhouette of a top-hatted man on a bicycle with two balloons tied to the rear. The date '2012' was printed between the bicycle wheel and the frame. The first few copies were printed in yellow on self-adhesive paper but stocks ran out apparently after two days and a new version printed black on white paper was released.

Some of the stamps have been sold on eBay for £2.50 plus 50p p& p."

LAST 10 YEARS SPANISH CYCLE CANCELS

Jordi Quintana Compte



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A British Summer of Sport and Stamps

'Instant' stamps to be produced for the greatest of all sporting events

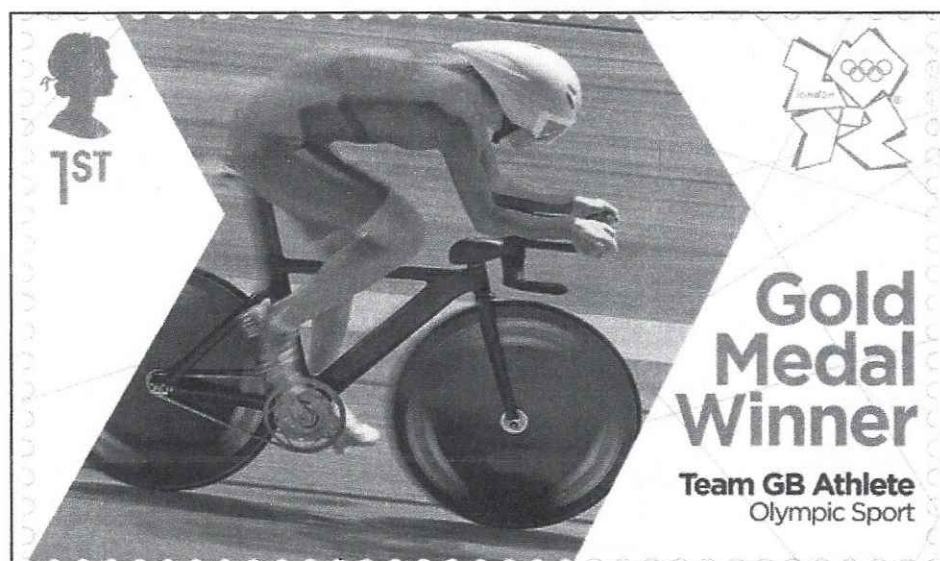
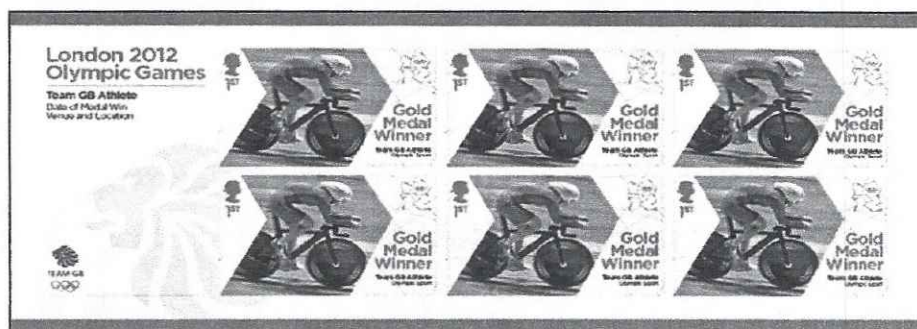
All eyes are on the UK this summer and official dummy mock-ups for the instant stamps have been sent to the media. Design is subjective, but the arrow-head shaped live action shots work well.

The Gold Medal stamps will be on sale by lunchtime the next day after each Team GB win, at 500 selected Post Offices across the UK. At the same time the stamps will go on sale at royalmail.com, while a further 4,500 Post Offices nationwide will be issued with the latest Team GB Gold Medal winners' stamps three times during the Games.

Royal Mail is keeping specifics of its print and distribution effort under wraps, but base stock will be "under the control of Walsall Security Printers" with digital overprinting at six secret regional locations.

I am curious how well teams will fit into the arrow shape and how names of team members will fit onto the stamps, but these aspects will have been resolved by now.

This is a mammoth task for Royal Mail and its printers, but one that they will excel at, I am sure. ☒



Single miniature sheet from an A4 sheet of four MS in a vertical column with 18mm selvedge. (above)

Royal Mail photo of dummy stamp mock-up of the design to be used for each gold medal Team GB win. (left)

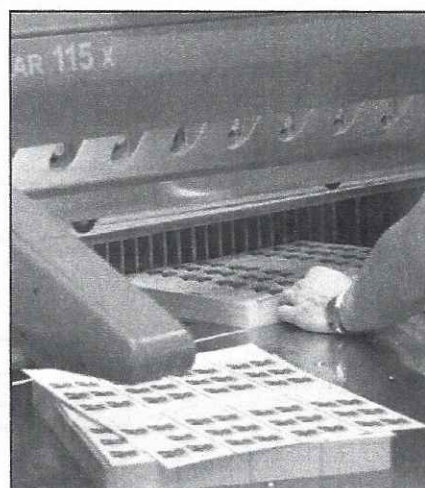
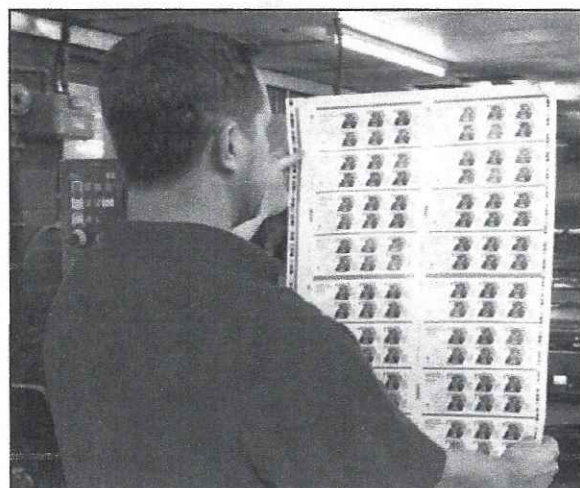
Examining a press sheet. (below left)

Guillotining press sheets into A4 counter sheets. (below centre)

Packing sheets for despatch to Post Office outlets. (below right)

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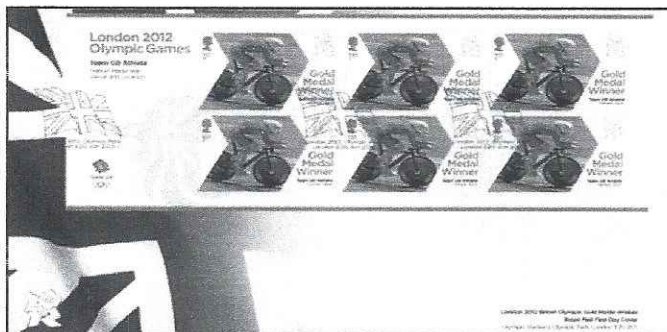


Trial Versions of Gold Medal Stamps in Full A4 Sheet Format

Royal Mail utilises two dummy sheets during testing

On the next page will be found the first unissued A4 dummy sheet created during trials of the Gold Medal Winners stamps at Walsall Security Printers a few months back.

The issued A4 sheets will each bear a number in the series (GMW01 up), issue date and printer location.



An example of the first type dummy FDC.

On the page after that will be found a surprise second dummy sheet featuring Mark Cavendish MBE from the Isle of Man in a recent race winning moment. The sheet is interesting on a few levels.

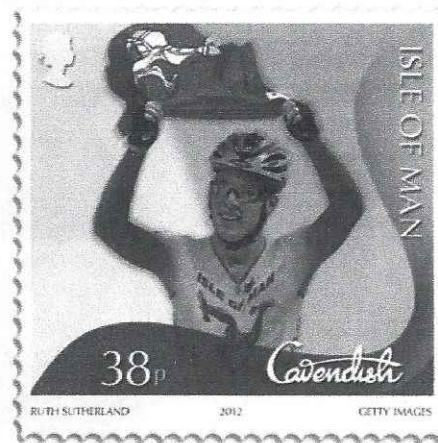
Firstly, note that the printer location in the margin of the sheet is shown as Attleborough, which might be a red-herring intended to fool collectors into thinking that we have been told one of six secret printing locations, or it could be an actual site.

Secondly, Mark was recently commemorated on a set of stamps and sheet from the Isle of Man Post Office. One of the chosen images (depicted in next column) is by Getty Images the agency providing the Royal Mail instant stamp images.

Thirdly, it is understood that it was always Royal Mail's intention with the first dummy sheet to feature an athlete who would not be competing in the 2012 London Games, lest the competitor be jinxed in any way.

Mark, was not treated to this consideration. Let's hope it does not affect his performance*, although as these words are being typed he has just crashed during the Tour de France requiring stitches!

**Update: Mark failed to get Gold at the London Games. Prophetically, the dummy sheet shows the actual date of his (hoped for) win. As of the start of Day 4 Team GB has won no Golds, so the instant process has yet to be used.*



One of the issued Isle of Man stamps depicting the so-called 'Manx Missile' using a Getty Images photograph.



Mark Cavendish enlarged from the A4 dummy sheets. Note the lack of mention of his MBE honour on the sheet and margin text.

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It is a shame that none of these special items will be marketed to collectors, as they would have sold very well, it is suspected, even if they needed a VOID overprint. Perhaps it is still not too late for Royal Mail to consider such an idea? ☒

1948 Olympics Facsimile Pack

Mentioned in previous issue, an image is now to hand



A poor quality image of the forthcoming (at time of writing) 'Royal Mail Stamp Reproduction Pack' can now be shown here. It is priced at £5.95 when it is purchased from Royal Mail Talents House. ☒



London 2012 Olympic Games

Team GB Athlete
Date of Medal Win
Venue and Location



The XXX Olympiad

London 2012 Olympic Games

Team GB Athlete
Date of Medal Win
Venue and Location



London 2012 Olympic Games

Team GB Athlete
Date of Medal Win
Venue and Location



London 2012 Olympic Games

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GNW01 Issue date 2 August 2012
Printer location

Olympics Roundup

A post-event update on the dummy stamp designs



Mark Cavendish

It is understood that the Mark Cavendish sheet depicted in DS26 probably only exists as a computer file supplied to journalists and that it did not progress to print. Copies are therefore unlikely to ever be available to collectors.

Cyclist - Full Design

This can now be recorded with two distinct printings, although neither is understood to be in the hands of collectors, unless you know differently... but first

April Testing Undertaken -

It is now known that an internal end-to-end test was undertaken at some Post Office branches back in the month of April.

A letter dated 14 June to participating Post Office branches tantalisingly stated: *"We did a test on 19 April, which really helped with our planning, thank you to those involved in that."*

This probably means that a sheet would have been produced by all six printers and distributed to those involved. Your compiler has not seen any dummy sheets with an April date on the margin, so look out for them.

Print run one -



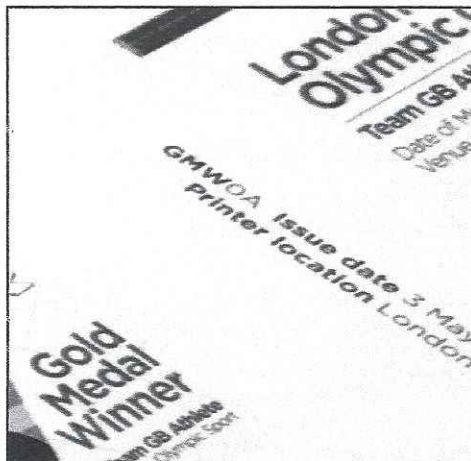
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Date of Win on Stamps: None

Date of Printing on Selvage: 3 May 2012

Printer Location: London

It is unknown if this printing was ever distributed to Post Office branches, or whether it was purely an internal printer test.



Close-up of marginal text from print run one.

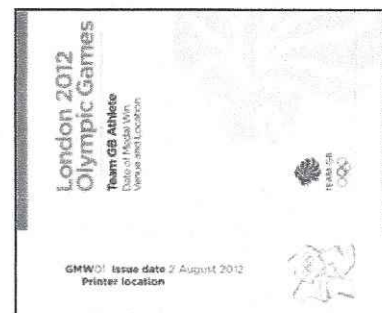
Print run two -

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Date of Win on Stamps: None

Issue Date on Selvage: 2 August 2012

Printer Location: Blank space



Close-up of marginal text from print run two.

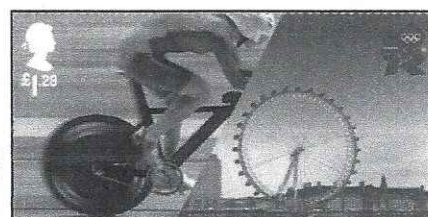
Location of the Printers -

East of England - *Attleborough, Norfolk*. West of England - *Swindon, Wiltshire*. London - *London*. Midlands - *Solihull, West Midlands*. Scotland - *Edinburgh*. North of England - *Preston, Lancashire*.

Three further printers were on standby in the event of difficulties at any of the above locations, or the need for greater stocks at short notice. They are understood not to have been utilised by Royal Mail.



One of the issued Olympics stamps from Royal Mail that depicts Sir Chris Hoy, Britain's best ever Olympian with six gold medals to his name, beating Sir Steve Redgrave's tally of five.



One of the Welcome to the Olympics stamps from Royal Mail that depicts part of the cyclist dummy stamp image.

Cyclist - Image Portion Only (arrow +black text)
The cyclist depicted is **Wendy Houvenaghel** of Northern Ireland, a member of Team GB. Wendy was not in the final team chosen to take-part in the Games and caused controversy when she was especially vocal about her exclusion.

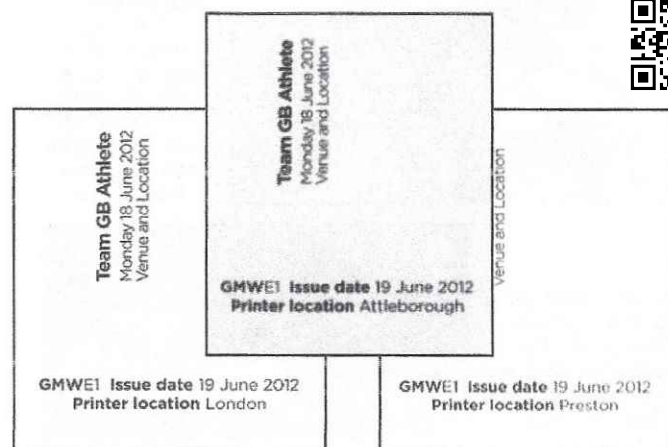
Her comments to the media included the following:
"I feel particularly aggrieved that the head coach made the decision to put in a rider who wasn't 100% well on the start line twice. Thankfully the girls did go on to win their race but perhaps had I been allowed to do my job that world record could have been faster. I do feel I have been deliberately omitted from that opportunity that was mine and the opportunity to bring home a gold medal to Northern Ireland. The last gold we had was 40 years ago with Dame Mary Peters. It's a very shocking and upsetting decision."

The dummy design incorporating Wendy was a part of the end-to-end testing of the production and distribution process. The gold coloured outer envelopes included an adhesive label with the name of the Post Office Branch and its address, plus the delivery route number and the quantity of dummy sheets enclosed and sheet code GMW-E1.

Upon opening the package, a quantity of A4 sheets would be found with a despatch note clearly stating
IMPORTANT: TEST ONLY
PLEASE DESTROY THE SHEETS

The destruction request was ignored at some offices, as around 40 sheets have been seen on offer through eBay with selling prices between £10 and £65 per sheet. Increasingly either a single MS or even single stamps are being sold. However, despite several not initially selling, it is clear that these sheets will never be plentiful.

Now for the interesting part! Only sheets with a **Swindon printer location** were ever seen for sale initially and it was assumed that only this version existed. Not so. Scans of the Attleborough, London and Preston sheets have recently been seen and it is clear that Solihull and Edinburgh must also exist.



It is understood that these printings are on different types of card stock, which would not have mattered.

Cyclists - Gold Postboxes Launch Reveals Yet Another Dummy Stamp Version!

Royal Mail painted pillar boxes gold for every GB Olympian and Paralympian that won a gold medal. When the scheme was launched to the press, a box at Westminster, close to the Abbey, was chosen.

The photo opportunity included a large dummy stamp with different wording to that used on the trial production runs recorded on previous page.



Royal Mail's Olympic Director, Mark Thompson.



"Athlete Name / Olympic Sport / Olympic Discipline" wording instead of "Team GB Athlete / Olympic Sport" wording used on the trial sheets, promo items and the original blow-up imagery (below).



Sally Gunrell MBE at stamp launch in April.

More on London 2012

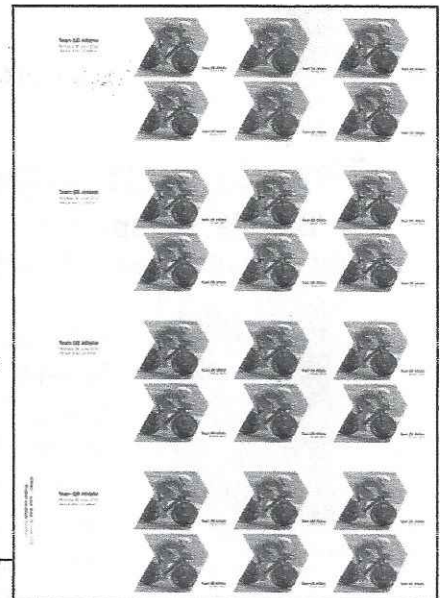
The story continues to unfold.....

Apologies for going into Olympics overdrive this quarter, but the dummy stamps story is developing all the time. We are four days into the Games as these words are typed.

A third dummy sheet has just been 'discovered', having sold on eBay for £50. It will be noted that the printing is similar to the first dummy sheet, but it incorporates the date when the (pretend) winner secured Gold in the cycling (Monday 18 June 2012). It also comprises just the digital print on plain card and not the imagery and wording that is on the base sheet. There is text in the left margin reading **"GMWE1 Issue date 19 June 2012 / Printer location Swindon"**.

This test printing (described as a proof by the seller) was apparently supplied to one of the few Royal Mail approved 'day of issue' distributors for Games stamps.

The issued sheets will be printed at six regional centres, as previously mentioned. What is now clear, though, from a Dauwalders stamp dealers' order form is that the printers are located in the North of England, West of England (Swindon based on this new dummy sheet), East of England (Attleborough, based on the Mark Cavendish dummy sheet), London, Scotland and the West Midlands. ☐

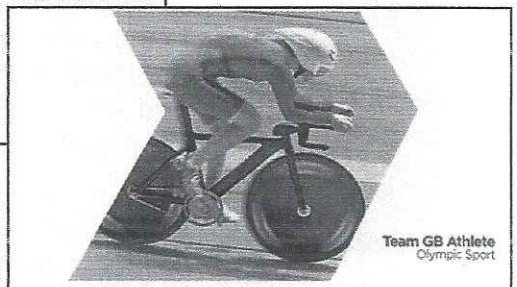


GMWE1 Issue date 19 June 2012
Printer location Swindon

Part of this same design was used on a Welcome to the Games MS.

Team GB Athlete
Monday 18 June 2012
Venue and Location

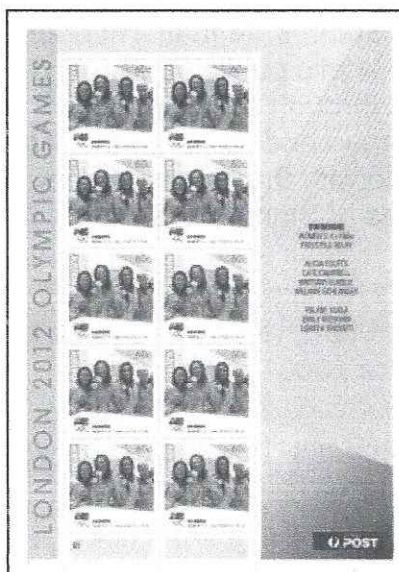
The appearance of the stamps does not imply digitally printed.



Australia Post Gets its Instant Stamps Programme underway

Royal Mail was pipped to the post when the Australian's won their first gold medal ahead of Team GB

The Australian women's 4 x 100m freestyle relay team comprising Alicia Coutts, Cate Campbell, Brittany Elmslie and Melanie Schlanger became the first athletes to feature on the Australia Post's Gold Medallist Stamps for London 2012 on day one of the competitions. It is interesting to contrast Australia Post's approach to the design of the stamps, compared to that of Royal Mail.



As with GB, Australia Post is producing stamps for every Australian gold medallist from London 2012, and they are expected to be available in participating Australia Post retail outlets within 48 hours of each gold medal presentation while stocks last.

"This program recognises the hard work and success of our athletes. It also provides the public with an exciting opportunity to collect their own memento of the Olympic Games", said Australia Post Managing Director and CEO Ahmed Fahour. ☐



Théodore: champion cycliste!

In "Bicycle Stamps" no. 2 from spring 1987 my friend Rupert Walzl reported a stamp from Liechtenstein according to Théodore Champion:



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Liechtenstein 28.08.69

Rupert Walzl reports that some members might wish to add this stamp to their collection. He doesn't consider it to be a bicycle stamp, but a friend of his does as, thought the stamp was issued to commemorate Théodore Champion as a "Pionier der Philatelie", he was a "Schweizer Radmeister".

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So it was controversial because the reason for the stamp was his career as philatelist. But I think most collectors don't know any facts about his cycling-career. Me too and living in times of internet I decided to ask Google.

This was not as easy as it sounds. The first thing I have found was that he has established a company in France for selling stamps worldwide. It exists up to now: <http://www.theodorechampion.fr>,

➔ Information ➔ Théodore Champion

Théodore Champion was a stamp collector from an early age and

he was the joint publisher of the Yvert and Tellier stamp catalogue and of the 'Bulletin Mensuel', a periodical catalogue update. His purchase of two Post Office Mauritius stamps at the Ferrary sales in 1922, "brought him prominently into the limelight". He helped to found the Musée de La Poste in Paris and he was a critic of the "remorseless war upon the collector's purse when France, which had already issued twenty-six stamps for self and colonies in celebration of the World's Fair at New York in 1939, announced the imminence of a hundred and forty more stamps. At that, Theodore Champion, her great philatelic publicist, who had stood by his native land through all her previous stamp racketeering, gagged and declared that he would have nothing to do with the new issue." (Alvin F. Harlow, The Amenities of Stamp Collecting, 1940, p. 198/199 ➔

http://www.archive.org/stream/paperchaseamenit00harlrich/paperchaseamenit00harlrich_djvu.txt) . Therefore he got my sympathy. What would he say to the IGPC-Issues of "Tour de France 2003" ...

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yvert_et_Tellier

<http://www.helenmorgan.net/bm/biogs/E000045b.htm>



French Wikipedia does only give a short hint to his cycling career without verification. (http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodore_Champion) But they write about 2 other stamps: Antigua 1993 and Montserrat 2002.

MiNr. 1821 – 1828 (1825), (Block 261) Antigua und Barbuda, 1993-06-14 (Scott Number: 1663-9)

Philatelic Persons

MiNr. 1140 – 1144 (1142), (Block 89) Montserrat, 2001-04-30

Famous Stamp Personalities



Up to here no problem. But try to find something about "cycling" and "champion" ... 9.580.000 hits - every cyclist seems to be a champion. "Theodore Champion cycling" will reduce it to 2.150.000 hits ... a challenge for the rest of my life.

At next I tried "Théodore Champion cycling" ... é ... this small little scar above the e makes the difference! And so it picked up speed:

Cyclingarchives.com: A cyclists "database" (in different languages) with biography data and results ... including our protagonist:

<http://www.cyclingarchives.com/coureuruitslagenfiche.php?coureurid=26447>

Théodore was the first national champion in switzerland as a professional sprinter in 1892.



Results Théodore Champion

Name: Théodore

Family name: Champion

Nationality: France

(SUI from 14-02-1873 until 18-07-1923)

(FRA from 19-07-1923 until 31-08-1954)

Gender: ♂

Had: 81 years

Date of birth: February 14, 1873


Place of birth: Genève, Switzerland


Date of death: August 31, 1954

Place of death: Chêne-Bougeries, France


Professional: 1892-1896
1899




1892  1° in National Championship, Track, Sprint, Profs, Switzerland (SUI)

1893  1° in National Championship, Track, Sprint, Profs, Switzerland (SUI)

1893  2° in National Championship, Road, Elite, Switzerland (SUI)

1895  1° in National Championship, Track, Sprint, Profs, Switzerland (SUI)

1896  1° in National Championship, Track, Sprint, Profs, Switzerland (SUI)

Then I wrote to "Théodore Champion S.A." to find more information. And the General Manager Anne Marie Ricaux Demail sent me two scanned documents that shows another side of our Champion: He was a tricyclist! And in this discipline a champion too. He set a record in 50 km roadcycling on 14.6.1891 in Paris in 1h45'45".



Diplom¹

UNION VELOCEPIEDIQUE DE FRANCE
DIPLOME

Le Record de Distance sur route (tricycle)
de 50 kilomètres a été établi le 14 Juin 1891
par Monsieur Th. Champion, du ...
Club de Geneve, in 1 heure 45 minutes 45 secondes

CAVENDISH THE MANX MISSILE From Isle of Man insert in FDC 19.06.12



The year 2011 was remarkable for 'Cav', even by his high standards, as he won the Tour de France Green Jersey and World Road Race Championship, was awarded an MBE and was voted BBC Sports personality of the Year. He will win many more races and receive many more honours, but this is a perfect moment to celebrate his achievements so far with this Isle of Man Post Office stamp issue.

The first of the seven stamps, 38p value, shows his victory in the 2006 Commonwealth Games Scratch Race – one of the greatest achievements in the Isle of Man's proud sporting history. Mark is only the second Manx cyclist to win Commonwealth gold – Peter Buckley won the road race in 1966.

A few months after the Games, Mark turned professional and the 41p value stamp shows him winning his first 'pro' race, the 2007 Scheldeprijs Vlaanderen.

In 2008 Mark stunned the cycling world by winning stages of the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France. He had proved that he was the fastest sprinter in the world, but as the 2009 season began he had still to win one of cycling's 'monuments' – the most prestigious single day classic races. The 65p stamp shows Mark winning the 2009 Milan-San Remo classic in which he snatched victory from Heinrich Haussler right on the line.

The Tour de France is the most gruelling endurance event in sport, and for a sprinter the greatest prize is the Tour's Green Jersey. Mark had come close to winning it before he finally achieved his lifelong ambition to wear it on the Champs Elysees in the 2011 Tour de France. It was confirmation that he was the best sprinter in the world – and potentially of all time. Mark is featured doing a lap of honour after the final stage of the Tour de France on the 71p stamp.

Mark achieved one of the highlights of his career to date winning the 2011 World Road Race Championships in Copenhagen, illustrated on the 80p value. With this historic victory came the coveted road race 'Rainbow Jersey' that he wore for the whole of the 2012 season, as he appears on the £1.05 stamp. Before Mark won in Copenhagen in 2011, only one other Briton had won the men's title as a professional – Tom Simpson in 1965. To date this is Mark's greatest achievement.

At the end of 2011 season Mark signed for Team Sky, and the £1.16 stamp – the final value in this collection – shows him riding for his new team wearing the 'Rainbow Jersey' as the reigning road race World Champion. Apart from at the Olympic Games when he will wear Team GB colours, Mark will wear the World Champion's jersey throughout the season. It is a great honour, but one which also carries with it a duty to race with pride and passion of the legendary riders who have preceded him in wearing the coveted rainbow bands.

