

Scenes, Postcrossing on New Guernsey Stamps



With the theme “Love the Bailiwick,” on July 30 Guernsey issued a set of three stamps to provide a snapshot of the Channel Islands’ unique way of life. The three beautiful bays selected for the issue feature Guernsey’ Bec du Nez and Vazon Bay (shown), and Fort Essex, Alderney.

Also picturing the beautiful scenery around Guernsey is a set of six stamps celebrating “50 Years of Britain in Bloom.” The Royal Horticultural Society’s Britain in Bloom is one of the largest horticultural campaigns in Europe, involving over one thousand communities across the UK each year. Cities, towns and villages involved create lasting improvements to their local environment for the benefits of those who live, work and visit there.

The new Guernsey set (shown on an FDC on our front cover) showcases a few of the Bailiwick’s recent Gold Award winners. In 2013, Guernsey’s St. Peter Port “The Town” (here, its Albion Tavern), won its first Gold Award from the local judges and tiny Herm, Guernsey’s neighbor, also won a Gold award in the prestigious Champion of Champions category.

St. Martin’s Parish also has won numerous Gold awards over the years including the small town section in 2011; and St.

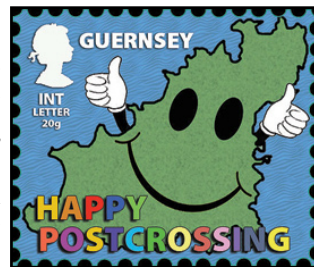


Pierre du Bois (shown) won a national Gold award, showing what can be achieved through restoration and community work on church land.



Also on May 28, Guernsey Post became the first Channel Island and one of only a handful of European postal administrations

to issue a Postcrossing stamp in celebration of that emerging hobby. The Guernsey stamp, designed by Guernsey Post’s in-house marketing team, depicts an outline of Guernsey with a smiley face, giving the ‘thumbs up’ to the hobby of Postcrossing.



Through Postcrossing, people send and receive postcards from friends and family around the world. Paulo Magalhães founded the Postcrossing project in 2005 and by now 23 million postcards have been exchanged via Postcrossing.

Information on the stamps of Guernsey and the issues of 20 other postal administrations available at face value may be accessed at <http://www.wopa-stamps.com/>, the website of the World Online Philatelic Agency.

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