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THE COMMEMORATIVES OF GREAT BRITAIN ELIZABETHAN ISSUES VERY POPULAR WITH COLLECTORS

THE DESIGNERS AND THEIR STAMPS

by O. Kriekenbesh, Ceylon Philatelic Society

A few years ago Stamp Collectors were not too interested in the stamps of Great Britain. Today these stamps have created a world demand. The designs are attractive and excellently printed—so different to the rather old-fashioned issues prior to George VI.

Collectors owe the firm of Stanley Gibbons Ltd. a great debt of gratitude for agitating for better designs and more Commemoratives two years ago. Gibbons went so far as to commission Mr. Jock Kinneir, F.S.I.A., one of the foremost industrial artists and designers who, incidentally, has never designed a postage stamp previously, to create a set of designs of what he thought postage stamps should be. The finished designs were printed as a miniature sheet by Messrs. Harrison and Sons Ltd. using the photogravure process, and the twelve designs were circulated by Stanley Gibbons in the Gibbons Stamp monthly dated April 1965.

There is no doubt whatsoever that by doing this Stanley Gibbons and the Kinneir ideas had a profound effect on the future designs of the stamps issued by Great Britain. To quote just one instance. Three stamps in the British Technology set issued on 19th. September 1966 show that the artists were definitely influenced by Kinneir. You have only to compare the Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope (4d), the British Hovercraft (1s3d) and the Winscale Atomic Reactor (1s6d) stamps designed by Kinneir with the stamps issued to see the marked resemblance in the designs. It was fortunate too that the Postal Authorities were also influenced with the happy result that the new approach to design has made the Commemoratives of this reign fantastically

popular and created a demand for them even in Ceylon. Congratulations Stanley Gibbons and Mr. Kinneir.

The Elizabethan stamps form a very valuable part of the writer's collection, which, unlike other collections, is arranged with the emphasis on "DESIGNERS and THEIR STAMPS". Although this collection of Elizabethan Commemoratives is complete the stamps issued will be found under the names of their designers and arranged in alphabetical order. For instance the designers start with Clive Abbott and end with J. Norris Wood. This article not only deals with a description of the stamps but also gives the reader biographical notes regarding the authors of the design. Varieties, watermarks, printings and other details are also included and it is hoped that the Editor will run this series in several issues of the Ceylon Stamp News until the latest sets are described. In stating that I have a complete collection of the Elizabethan issues I must hasten to add that the collection does not include any varieties, shades, inverted watermarks etc. but is only a collection of normal stamps. Three requirements are insisted upon—the stamps must be clean copies, well centred and lightly postmarked.



I must thank Mr. James Watson, of Stanley Gibbons, for starting me on this type of collecting for it was after I had, by mere chance, read an article written by him on Mrs. Rena Fennessy, the designer of the beautiful Uganda stamps of 1965, that I made up my mind to collect "Designers" of the Commonwealth Stamps. It has been a fascinating hobby and I think I have a very fair collection based on this idea. The designers include David Gentleman and his charming wife

Rosalind, Michael Goaman and wife Sheila, Victor Whitely, A. Fraser Brunner, Peter Gauld, R. Granger Barrett, Miss Faith Jaques, D. M. Reid-Henry, A. Restall, Reynolds Stone and a host of others. It is indeed strange that one of the best stamp designers in the world, Victor Whitely has not designed stamps for Great Britain so far.

The writer was overjoyed when he heard that Messrs. Stanley Gibbons had issued a special album to contain the stamps issued by Great Britain from the British Empire Exhibition set issued during the years 1924-25. We in Ceylon hope that the booksellers in this country will try their best to import these delightful album even with the difficulties imposed on us by devaluation and necessary exchange curbs.

I trust that the reader will find the contents interesting enough to help him write up his or her own collection.

Clive Abbott is the first designer to appear in this series. He designed the "Tower" stamps featured on the commemoratives issued at the opening of the Post Office Tower on October 8th 1965.

S. G. No- 679.—3d. olive yellow, new blue and bronze green. Features the Tower and the nearby Georgian buildings.

S. G. No. 680.—1s 3d bronze-green, yellow-green, and blue. Shows the Tower soaring into the sky and towering above the "Nash" Terrace, Regent's Park.

The sheets contained 120 stamps. The quantities issued:—

3d—51,291,120 ordinary; 4,274,880 phosphor.

1s 3d— 5,722,320 ordinary; 1,107,480 phosphor.

Varieties:—In the 3d the olive-yellow colour has been found missing. This is exceeding rare and has not been priced by Stanley Gibbons in either mint or used condition.

An extra window in the shape of a dot at the base of the Tower is priced at 12/6 mint and unpriced used. Stamps with one phosphor band have also been priced at 1s each mint or used. The extra window variety on the phosphor band stamp is valued at 15s. mint. The stamps in this set are printed on chalk-surfaced paper with Multiple Crowns watermark shown sideways on the 3d.

The variety to look for on the 1s 3d stamp is that showing the watermark inverted which is

catalogued at £14 mint and uncatalogued used. Three phosphor bands command 3s 6d mint and unpriced used. The really valuable stamp, if you can find it, is the 1s 3d with three phosphor bands and having the watermark inverted. Keep searching for you can never say. You may be lucky.

The Tower stamps were withdrawn from sale on 30th June 1966.

Two years later Mr. Abbott designed the EFTA stamps issued on 20th February 1967 to commemorate the European Free Trade Association.

S. G. No 715—9d multicoloured. Depicts Sea Freight.

716—1s 6d multicoloured (Air Freight).

These two stamps are beautifully designed and are very popular. I do hope Mr. Abbott will continue to design more stamps in the future.

Varieties—A number of varieties appear on the 9d stamp—Lilac omitted. Green omitted. Both unpriced mint or used.

Stamps with three phosphor bands at 1s each mint or used.

Phosphor bands with the lilac colour missing. Unpriced.

Phosphor bands with brown omitted at £ 12 mint and unpriced used.

Peter Bailey in G. S. M. Oct. 67 quotes the 9d E. F. T. A. Phosphor with blue missing from two of the flap at £ 7.10 0.

The 1s 6d stamp has a number of colours omitted—red, brown, turquoise-blue. Phosphor bands are present on these stamps too. The "Broken Strut" variety is well worth looking for and occurs towards the middle of the plate.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 120 and the quantities printed are as follows:—

9d. ordinary—9,182,040; phosphor—8,340,720

1s 6d " —9,122,040; " —7,920,720

Clive Abott was born in 1933 and studied at Wimbledon Art School and is now Art Director in a London Advertising Agency. He married the eldest daughter of the famous comedian, the late Sid Field. He has two daughters. His first introduction to stamp designing was when he designed the "Tower" stamps. They were far and above the designs submitted by other artists and he well deserves the honour of having his designs selected. He is also the first artist and British designer to have his name inscribed at the bottom of a British stamp. Look for it on the "Tower" stamps. His name however does not appear on the E. F. T. A. stamps as he was commissioned by Harrisons, the printers, to design same.

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ONE COUNTRY PACKETS

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England	10 ..	.50	Malaya	10 ..	1.00	U. A. R.	10 ..	1.00
Ethiopia	10 ..	1.50	Malta	10 ..	1.00	Animals	10 ..	1.00
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Ghana	10 ..	1.00	New Zealand	10 ..	1.00	Flowers	10 ..	1.00
Holland	10 ..	1.00	Norway	10 ..	.50	Fruits	10 ..	1.00
HongKong	10 ..	1.00	Pakistan	10 ..	.50	Triangulars	10 ..	1.00

FOREIGN SETS

			MINT USED	
A 91 Mozambique	6 vals.		75	
A 93 Hong Kong	1 ..		.25	
A 96 Canada	7 ..		.75	
B110 S. Africa KG VI				
Royal Visit	3 pairs		1.00	
B113 Chile Air Mail	6 vals.		1.00	
C 25 Hungary Fairy Tail	3 ..		.50	
C 58 Hungary Lace	3 ..		.50	
C 29 Roumania Cats	3 ..		.50	
C 30 Ruanda Snake	3 ..		.50	
C 31 Czechoslovakia	7 ..		1.00	
C 32 Colombia	4 ..		.75	
C 33 Costa Rica	4 ..		.75	
C 34 Costa Rica	5 ..		.75	
C 35 China Swan	5 ..		.50	
C 36 Poland Navigation	5 ..		.50	
C 37 Hungary	5 ..		.50	
C 38 Portugal	5 ..		.50	
C 39 Jugoslavia Spent	3 ..		.50	
C 40 Maldives	4 ..		1.00	
C 41 N. Z. 1960 Christmas U I val.			.50	
C 42 .. 1961 .. ..			.40	
C 43 .. 1962 .. ..			.40	
C 44 .. 1964 .. ..			.40	
C 44 .. 1965 .. ..			.40	
C 46 .. 1966 .. ..			.40	

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH Country Sets

1946 Australia Peace	3 U	1.50
1947 .. New Castle	3 M	1.50
1948 .. Sir F. Von Muller	1 M	.50
1948 .. Boy Scout	1 M	.50
1948 .. William J. Farren	1 M	.50
1949 .. Henry Lawson	1 M	.40
1949 .. Lord Forest	1 M	.40

			Rs. c.
1953 Australia Coronation	3 U		4 00
1954 .. Black Swan	1 M		.50
1956 .. Air Service	1 U		2.00
1963 .. Royal Visit	2 U		4.00
1963 .. Christmas	1 M		.50
1965	1 M		.50
1946 Burma Peace	4 M		2.00
1954 Pagoda	6 U		4.00
1948 Mauritius Postal Centenary	4 M		5.00
1935 New Zealand Air	3 U		8.00
1946 Peace	11 U		7.50
1944 Surcharge	1 M		.50
1951 Health	2 U		.50
1953 Royal Visit	2 M		1.00
1960 Health	2 U		.50
1961	2 U		.50
1962	2 U		.50
1966	2 M		.50
1967	2 U		.50
1943 Malay Jap. Occp.			
1c to 70c 9 Vals. excluding 15c	M		1.00
1945 Malaya B. M. A. 1c to 15c			
set of 9 Vals. Black Overprint	M		5.00
1909 Maldives Island Mineral	4 M		2.00
1950 2L to 50L	9 M		10 00
1952	2 M		3.00
1961 Maps			
25L, 50L & Re-1/-	3 M		2.00
1948 Pakistan Indp:	4 M		3.00
1948 Cook Island Victory	4 M		1.50
1948 Niue Victory	4 M		1.50
1948 Western Samoa Victory	4 M		1.50
1945 S. Africa Victory 3 Pairs			1.50
1948 S. .. Silver Wedding	2 U		1.00
1949 S. .. Natal Settlers	2 M		.50
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1949 S. .. U. P. U.	6 M		2.00

Ceylon First Day Covers

Issued by **ORIENTAL STAMP SERVICE** Rs.c.

1.	1946	Peace Issue	with 2 stamps	—
2.	1947	New Constitution	with 4 ..	—
3.	1948	First Anni. Ceylon Indp.	4 ..	—
4.	1949	U. P. U.	3 ..	—
5.	1952	Colombo Plan Exhib.	2 ..	—
6.	1953	Q. E. II Coronation	1 ..	.50
7.	1954	Q. E. II Royal Visit	1 ..	.75
8.	1955	Royal Agri. Exhib.	1 ..	—
9.	1956	National Service	1 ..	—
10.	1957	Buddha Jayanthi	4 ..	—
11.	1957	Cent. Cey. Post. Stamp	4 ..	7.50
12.	1958	Human Right	2 ..	—
13.	1959	Pirivena University	1 ..	—
14.	1960	Refugee Year	2 ..	1.00
15.	1961	S.W.R.D. Bandaranayake I	..	2.00
16.	1962	Golden Jubilee Jamboree I	..	1.00
17.	1962	W.H.O.	1 ..	1.00
18.	1963	Air Mail Silver Jubilee	1 ..	1.00
19.	1963	Freedom from Hunger	2 ..	1.00
20.	1963	Co-operative movement	1 ..	1.00
21.	1963	Prime minister S.W.R.D. Bandaranayake	1 ..	1.00
22.	1963	National Conservation	1 ..	.50
23.	1964	Industrial Exhibition	—	—
24.	1964	Railway Centenary	1 ..	1.50
25.	1964	Cnty. of Anagarika Dharmapala	1 ..	1.00
26.	1965	I. T. U. Centenary	2 ..	1.00
27.	1965	Inter. Co-op year	2 ..	1.00
28.	1965	Cnty. of C.M.C.	1 ..	.50
29.	1966	Prime Minister D. S. Senanayake	1 ..	.25
30.	1966	Birds	4 ..	3.00
31.	1966	Cnty. of K.M.C.	1 ..	.50
32.	1966	Extension of Inland Air Mail service	—	2.00
33.	1966	W.H.O.	2 ..	2.00
34.	1966	International Rice Year	2 ..	1.00
35.	1966	UNESCO	2 ..	1.00
36.	1967	First Anniversary Poya Holiday	4 ..	2.50
37.	1967	Centenary of G.M.C.	1 ..	.50
38.	1967	Hydrological Decade	2 ..	5.00
39.	1967	I.P.I. Asian News Papers Conference Kandy	1 ..	2.00
40.	1967	Cent. of Tea Industry	4 ..	3.50
41.	1967	Girl Guide	2 ..	.75
42.	1967	Tourist Year	1 ..	.75
43.	1967	Col. H. S. Olcott	1 ..	.50

CEYLON COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

1937 to 1967

				MINT USED	
1937	K. G. VI Coronation	3 vals.	1.00	.75	
1940	Surcharge	2 ..	.40	.40	
1946	Victory	2 ..	.40	.40	
1937	New Constitution	4 ..	1.00	1.00	
1949	First Anniv. Indep.	4 ..	1.00	1.00	
1949	U. P. U.	3 ..	1.00	.75	
1952	Colombo Plan Exhi	2 ..	.50	.40	
1953	Q. E. II Coronation	1 ..	.10	.05	
1954	Q. E. Royal Visit	1 ..	.25	.10	
1956	Royal Agriculture Exhi. I	..	.25	.10	
1956	National Service	1 ..	.25	.10	
	do—with white stroke	1 ..	2.00	.50	
1956	Buddha Jayanthi	4 ..	1.00	1.00	
1957	Ceylon Stamp Centy.	4 ..	2.00	2.00	
1958	10th Anniv. H. Rights	2 ..	2.00	1.25	
1959	Pirivena University	1 ..	.25	.05	
1960	World Refugee Year	2 ..	.50	.40	
1961	P. M. S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike	1 ..	.50	.10	
1961	Ceylon Boy Scouts	1 ..	.50	.15	
1962	Malaria Eradication	1 ..	.50	.15	
1963	25th Anniv. of Air Mail Service	1 ..	1.00	.25	
1963	Freedom from Hunger	2 ..	.75	.25	
1963	Ceylon Co.op.	1 ..	1.00	.15	
1963	National Conservation	1 ..	.25	.10	
1964	Anagarika Dharmapala	1 ..	.50	.15	
1964	Industrial Exhibition	2 ..	.25	.25	
1964	Cnty. of Railway pair	2 ..	1.50	.25	
1965	I. T. U.	2 ..	.75	.25	
1965	Co-operative Year	2 ..	1.00	.25	
1965	Cnty. of C.M. Council	1 ..	.50	.25	
1965	do Varieties	2 ..	10.00	5.00	
1966	Cnty. of K.M. Council	1 ..	.50	.15	
1966	W. H. O.	2 ..	2.00	.50	
1966	UNESCO	2 ..	—	—	
1966	Rice Year	2 ..	—	—	
1967	1st Anniversary Poya Holidays	4 ..	—	—	
1967	Cnty. of G.M. Council	1 ..	—	—	
1967	Tea Centenary	4 ..	—	—	
1967	Intr. Tourist Year	1 ..	—	—	
1967	Girl Guide	2 ..	—	—	
1967	Col. H. S. Olcott	1 ..	—	—	

LAW VALUE COMMEMORATIVES PROMOTE PHILATELY

by K. PATHMANATHAN

The setting up of the Philatelic Bureau has been a milestone in the promotion of philately in Ceylon but the issue of commemoratives of high denominations at frequent intervals in recent years has been detrimental to the promotion of philately.

Ceylon is a country in which the average stamp collector is a person of very limited means and the issue of high value commemoratives will put him into untold hardship.

During the past, commemoratives that were issued in Ceylon were of a very low denominations. The New Constitution Commemoratives of the denominations 6 cents, 10 cents, 15 cents and 25 cents that were issued in 1947 and the Independence First Anniversary commemoratives issued in 1949 which were of the denominations 4 cents, 5 cents, 15 cents and 25 cents are classic examples of commemorative sets of low denominations.

The issue of low value commemoratives will not only assist stamp collectors but will also benefit stamp dealers as well as it will be easy to collect used copies of a low value commemoratives

in view of the fact that the low value commemoratives are circulated locally. When high value commemoratives are issued, these find their place overseas and collectors in Ceylon will experience great difficulty in obtaining even some used copies of these.

It is further suggested that when Ceylon issues commemoratives in future a set of 4 stamps of the denominations 5 cents, 10 cents, 15 cents and 25 cents be issued instead of a single stamp since stamp collectors have a particular craze for sets. Moreover, if commemoratives of low denominations are issued First Day Cover collectors will not have much difficulty in servicing a number of First Day Covers to their numerous overseas penfriends.

Hence if it is the intention of the Ceylon Government to promote philately in Ceylon it should resort to issue low value commemoratives when events of national and international nature are graced by the issue of special postage commemorative stamps. This will not only be of immense assistance to collectors who collect Ceylon stamps but will also attract more person into the folds of philately.

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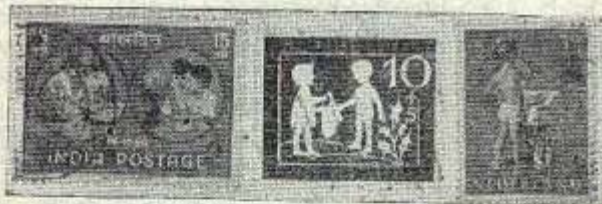
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 * Ceylon Stamp Club *

Beginning this month Ceylon Stamp News with great pleasure announces a new feature for the Young Ones interested in Stamp collecting.

You know - or perhaps you may not know - that stamp collecting is "A HOBBY OF KINGS AND KING OF HOBBIES".

So why not you too be interested in collecting stamps as a HOBBY. It is a profitable pastime which gives pleasure and profit to the collector.



You know there are several countries that issue special stamps for children.

The Netherlands is one such country which affords lot of opportunities for child stamp collectors.

She has recently issued a set of surcharge childrens stamps. The surcharge is entirely devoted for childrens educational and recreational projects.

These stamps are issued in sheets of four, eight and twentyfive to enable the school children to buy them in sheets. They are issued in millions.

Last year India too issued a 15 paisa childrens stamp on November 14 - the birthday of the late Shri Jawaharlal Nehru - Indias first Prime Minister. This day has been declared as the Childrens Day throughout India.

Pakistan too issued a 15 paisa stamp on Nov. 2, 1967.

Finland last year issued a UNICEF stamp to mark the United Nations Childrens Week.

West Germany - A child welfare stamp on the UN Childrens Day - Oct 24.

Austria - Augmented the "Save the children Fund" with a Childrens Stamp.

United Nations too issued Three Stamps - Nov. 11 - to mark the UNICEF and UN Childrens Day.

England honoured her child population by depicting child art on her Christmas Stamps.

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What a pity! Ceylon has yet failed to issue a childrens stamp.

I fervently hope the Philatelic Bureau of Ceylon would cater to the growing interest of thousands of stamp collecting children.

You know - the newly independent countries Africa in particular, the object of her stamps are her Birds and Beasts, Butterflies and Flowers.

Their multi-colour stamps with beautiful birds and butterflies, flowers and animals are lovely to look at. Even non stamp collectors would be lured into buying and possessing these picturesque stamps.

Polands current issue features eight beautiful birds. The set has 9 stamps with one stamp reviewing the whole series. It depicts all stamps in the series in miniature. They are printed in multi-colour.

Tanzania - The former Tanganyika and Zanzibar in East Africa have featured some of the abundant fish species to be found in and around the rocks and coral reefs off the coast of Tanzania, in colourful stamps comprises this series.

Guyana will issue a new definitive series comprising fifteen stamps featuring fish, birds and beasts. Details will be given in the next column.

Mauritius a tiny little island in the Indian Ocean near Madagascar famous for pineapples also issued four lovely stamps depicting her birds.

A word for those children who have just started collecting. There is a stamp album with a lovely coloured train on the cover. Each page denotes a particular series for e. g. a page for flowers - all stamps with flowers Ceylon or foreign can be neatly pasted on this page - It is a good album for beginners - and it costs very little too.

Prizes will be awarded to every Hundredth member. That is the Hundredth, Two Hundredth Three Hundredth member and so on.

This is in order to encourage as many school children as possible to collect stamps.

All you have to do to become a member of the Ceylon Junior Stamp Club, fill in the coupon appearing on this page. The membership is absolutely free.

ESME MUTUKUMARA
Lanka Junior Stamp Club.

THE COMMEMORATIVES ... Continued from page 2

Congratulations Mr. Abbott and more success in the near future. The other designers to be featured in the future instalments of this article are:—

Adshead	Mary	Gauld	Peter	Ironside	C. & R.	Marx	Miss M.
Arriss	Frank	Gentleman	David and	Jaques	Faith	Matthews	J.
Bailey	Dennis		Rosalind	Keely	Pat	Restall	A.
Berry	J.	Gillespie	D. & A.	Kempster	W.	Rosomon	L.
Black	S. R.	Goaman	Michael and	Knipe	G.	Scott	S.
Brown	W. H.		Shiela	Lamb	L.	Shemza	T.
Caplan	D.	Grierson	Mary	Machin	Arnold	Stone	Reynolds
Dulac	E.	Guyatt	Prof. R.	Martin	Rev. W.	Trenaman	G.
Farrar-Bell	M. C.	Huntly	G. F.		Kebble	Wood	J. Norris
Fuller	E. G.						

The Definitives and Commemoratives to be described are:—

	1952-54	—	The Queen's Head Definitives
3rd June	1953	—	Coronation
	1955-58	—	Queen Elizabeth High Values (2s 6d, 5s, 10s & £1)
1st August	1957	—	World Scout Jubilee Jamboree
18th July	1958	—	Sixth British Empire and Commonwealth Games
7th July	1960	—	Tercentenary of Establishment of "General Letter Office"
19th September	1960	—	First Anniversary of European Postal and Telecommunications Conference
23rd August	1961	—	Post Office Savings Bank Centenary
18th September	1961	—	European Postal and Tele-communications (C.E.P.T.) Conference, Torquay
25th	1961	—	Seventh Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference
14th November	1962	—	National Productivity Year
21st March	1963	—	Freedom from Hunger
7th May	1963	—	Paris Postal Conference Centenary
16th May	1963	—	National Nature Week
31st May	1963	—	Ninth International Lifeboat Conference, Edinburgh
15th August	1963	—	Red Cross Centenary Congress
3rd December	1963	—	Opening of COMPAC (trans-Pacific Telephone Cable)
23rd April	1964	—	Shakespeare Festival
1st July	1964	—	Twentieth International Geographical Congress, London
5th August	1964	—	Tenth International Botanical Congress
4th September	1964	—	Opening of Forth Road Bridge
8th July	1965	—	Churchill Commemoration
19th July	1965	—	700th Anniversary of Simon de Montfort's Parliament
9th August	1965	—	Salvation Army Centenary
1st September	1965	—	Centenary of Joseph Lister's Discovery of anti-Septic Surgery.
1st September	1965	—	Commonwealth Arts Festival
13th September	1965	—	25th Anniversary of Battle of Britain
8th October	1965	—	Opening of Post Office Tower
25th October	1965	—	20th Anniversary of U. N. O. and International Co-operation Year
15th November	1965	—	I. T. U. Centenary
25th January	1966	—	Burns Commemoration
28th February	1966	—	900th Anniversary of Westminster Abbey
2nd May	1966	—	Landscape
1st June	1966	—	World Football Cup Competition
8th August	1966	—	British Birds
14th October	1966	—	900th Anniversary of Battle of Hastings
1st December	1966	—	Christmas
20th February	1967	—	European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
24th April	1967	—	British Wild Flowers
June-Augus	1967	—	New Queen's Head Definitives
10th July	1967	—	British Paintings
24th July	1967	—	Sir Fran Chichester's World Voyage

and other Commemoratives issued after this date.

Much as we admire and wish to collect the British Commemoratives we hope that wise counsel will prevail and that not too many will be issued.

HUNGARY

To Commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution the Mongolian Postal Administration issued a set of two stamps on the 25th October, 1967. Size: 36,5x45 mm. Offset printing in four colours.



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(අමතරව කොටස)

වර්ෂ 1857 න් ආරම්භකර 1868 දක්වා ලංකාවේ ඉංග්‍රීසි මුද්දර යටතේ භාවිතාකළ තැපැල් මුද්දර පැත්ත සහ සිලිම්වලින් වෘත්තාකාර වූ බව පසුගිය ලිපියේ සඳහන් විය. මේ දක්වා ලංකාවේ භාවිතාවූ ඉංග්‍රීසි මුද්දර වෙනුවට රූපියල් යන භාවිතය වර්ෂ 1872 දී පටන් ගැනීමත් සමග මුද්දරත් එම අළුත් මුද්දරවලට පරිවර්තනය කර තිබේ.

අළුත් මුද්දර පටන් ගැනීමෙන් පසු නිකුත් කළ පළමු මුද්දර කාණ්ඩයට මුද්දර 21 ඇතුළත් වේ. එවිට කාණ්ඩය මෙහි ඇති මුද්දර වර්ග මෙසේය.

යන 2	ලා දුඹුරු	පාට මුද්දර	3 සි.
„ 4	අළු	„ „	4 සි.
„ 4	ලා දං	„ „	1 සි.
„ 8	කහ	„ „	3 සි.
„ 16	ලා දං	„ „	1 සි.
„ 24	කොළ	„ „	1 සි.
„ 32	අළු	„ „	2 සි.
„ 36	නිල්	„ „	1 සි.
„ 48	රෝස	„ „	1 සි.
„ 64	රතු දුඹුරු	„ „	1 සි.
„ 96	තද කොළ	„ „	1 සි.
රු. 2/50	ලා රෝස	„ „	2 සි.

වර්ෂ 1872 න් ආරම්භකළ මේ අළුත් මුද්දර 1880 දක්වා අවුරුදු 8 ක් භාවිතාකර ගිබේ. මෙහි යොදා ඇත්තේ වික්ටෝරියා මහ රැජිණගේ රූප පිළිබිඹුකරණ විවිධ මෝස්තරවලින් යුක්ත මුද්දරයි. එවිට කාණ්ඩය ඉලක්කමින් කොට අකුරෙන් සඳහන්ව ඇත. මෙයින් මුද්දර 19 ක් එක සමාන දිගින් හා පලලින් ද, දෙකක් ලොකු ප්‍රමාණ

යෙන්ද යුක්තයි. කුඩා මුද්දර එකක් දිගින් මිලි මීටර් 25 ක් වන අතර පලල 20 කි. ලොකු මුද්දර උස මිලි මීටර් 35 ක් හා පලල 25 කි. එංගලන්තයේ ඩී ලා රෝ මුද්දර ගිලිපිත්තේ මුද්දරයකි. මේ මුද්දර කාණ්ඩය දැන ප්‍රමාණය P 14 ක්, දිග සලකුණ 'CC' ඉංග්‍රීසි අකුරු දෙකක් සමග මුද්‍රිතව තිබේ.

මෙහි මිල අධික මුද්දර නොමැත. සම්පූර්ණ මුද්දර කාණ්ඩය අළුත්පිටි රත් පවුම් 375 හා එම පැවිච්චිකළ පවුම් 30 කි. මේ කාණ්ඩයේ අධිකම මිල රදා ඇත්තේ දුඹුරු පාට යන 2 මුද්දරත් සහ යන 32, 64 සහ රු. 2/50 මුද්දරයි. ඒවා දැන ප්‍රමාණය 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 ක් තම මිල අධිකය.

මේ මුද්දර කාණ්ඩය මුද්දරයකර ඇත්තේ තුනී කඩදාසිවල බැවින් අළුත් පිට මුද්දරවල දිලිසෙන මැලියම් එතරම් පැහැදිලි නොමැත. එහෙත් එහි දිග සලකුණ ඉතා පැහැදිලි ලෙස දක්වේ.

—අමරරත්න.

(උපුටා ගැනීම තහනම්)

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* ලංකාවේ වර්ෂ 1857 සිට 1966 දක්වා නිකුත් *
 * කර ඇති හැම මුද්දරම අඩංගුකර විශේෂ ඇල්- *
 * බම දැනට අප වෙළෙඳ ආයතනයේ විකිණීමට *
 * තිබේ. ලංකා මුද්දර පිළිවෙලින් එකතු කරත්- *
 * නන්ට මෙය අවශ්‍යම පොතකි. මුද්දරවල රූප *
 * සටහන් ඇතිව පිටු 136 කින් යුත් සහ කඩ- *
 * දැයි බැම්මකින් සමන්විත මේ පොතේ මිල *
 * රු. 22 50 යි. තැපැල් ගාස්තු ගන 95 යි. *
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இலங்கை தபாற் தலைகள்

(8 ம் பகுதி)

இலங்கையில் 1857 ம் ஆண்டு தொடக்கம் 1868 ம் ஆண்டுவரை ஆங்கிலேயர்களின் நாணயமாகிய சிலிங் பென்ஸ் பெறுமதியுடைய தபாற் தலைகளின் பாவனைக் குறித்து கடந்த இதழ்களில் காட்டப்பட்டுள்ளது. இக்குறிப்பிட்ட கால எல்லைவரை இலங்கையில் பாவனையிலிருந்த ஆங்கில நாணயத்திற்குப் பதிலாக 1872 ம் ஆண்டு ரூபா சத நாணயம் ஆரம்பமானதோடு தபாற் தலைகளும் நமது நாணய மதிப்பிற்கேற்றவாறு மாற்றப்பட்டன.

புதிய நாணயம் ஆரம்பமான பின்னர் வெளியான முத்திரைகளின் முதற் தொடரில் 21 முத்திரைகள் அடங்கும். பெறுமதியைப் பொறுத்தமட்டில் இம் முத்திரைகளின் விபரம் பின்வருமாறு:-

இளம் மாநிற	2 சத	முத்திரை	3
சாம்பல் நிற	4 ..	..	4
இளம் ஊதா நிற	4 ..	..	1
மஞ்சள் நிற	8 ..	..	3
இளம் ஊதா நிற	16 ..	..	1
பச்சை நிற	24 ..	..	1
சாம்பல் நிற	32 ..	..	2
நீலநிற	36 ..	..	1
இளஞ்சிவப்பு நிற	48 ..	..	1
செம்மாநிற	64 ..	..	1
கரும் பச்சை நிற	96 ..	..	1
இளஞ்சிவப்பு ரூ. 2/50	..	..	2

1872ம் ஆண்டு ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்ட இப்புதிய முத்திரைகள் 1880 ம் ஆண்டு வரையிலான 8 வருட காலமாக பாலிக்கப்பட்டு வந்தன. விக்டோரியா மகாராணியின் உருவப்படங்கொண்டு பலவித வேலைப்பாடுகளாலான முத்திரைகளே இதில் அடங்கும். அவற்றின் பெறுமதி என்னகளால்ன்றி எழுத்துக்களால் குறிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இவற்றுள் 19 முத்திரைகள் மாதிரி சம அளவு நீள, அகலம் உடையதாகவும் மற்றைய இரண்டும் பெரியவைகளும் ஆகும். சிறிய முத்திரையொன்று 25 மில்லி மீட்டர் நீளமும், 20 மில்லி மீட்டர் அகலமும் கொண்ட

தாகும். பெரியவை 35 மில்லி மீட்டர் உயரமும் 25 மில்லி மீட்டர் அகலமும் உடையதாகும். இவ்வின முத்திரைகள் இங்கிலாந்தில் டி. லாரோ அச்சக ஸ்தாபனத்தால் அச்சப் பதிவானவை. துளைகள் P 14 ம் நீரெழுத்து "CC" எழுத்துகள் சகிதம் மணிமுடியுமாகும்.

இவற்றுள் அதிக விலையுள்ள முத்திரைகள் கிடையா. மொத்த முத்திரைகள் யாவும் புதிதாக 375 பொற்காசுகளும், பாலிக்கப்பட்டவை 30 பொற்காசுகளும் பெறுமதியுடையன. இம் முத்திரை தொடரில் மாநிற 2 சத முத்திரைகளும், 32 சத, 64 சத, ரூபா 2/50 சத, முத்திரைகளுக்கு மட்டுமே அதிக விலைமதிப்புண்டு. அவை 14x12½ அளவு துளையுடைதாயின் கூடுதல் பெறுமதியுடையன.

இம் முத்திரைகள் மிக மெல்லிய கடதாசியில் அச்சிடப்பட்டுள்ளதால், புதிய முத்திரைகளில் காணப்படும் பசைத்தன்மை அவ்வளவு பிரகாசமாயிராது. ஆயினும் அவற்றிற்காணப்படும் நீரெழுத்துக்கள் மிகத் தெளிவாகத் தெரிகின்றன.

- அமரரத்ன.

(உரிமை ஆசிரியருக்கே.)

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These stamps were issued in Oct. 1965 and were withdrawn in April 1966; they were thus on sale for only six months.

NOTE: As we mentioned earlier there are many other interesting items awaiting your inspection; drop in and see for yourself.

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Forthcoming New Issues 1968

CEYLON

POSTAGE STAMP ISSUES FOR 1968

20th ANNIVERSARY OF CEYLON'S INDEPENDENCE

Probable date of issue - 4th February 1968

Denominations - 5 cents & Re. 1/-

Design - 5 cents stamp depict Independence Hall & Re. 1/- stamp depict Lion Flag & Sceptre

Duration of sale - 6 months.

Format - Horizontal

Size - 1 045x1.43"

Printers - Messrs. Harrison & Sons, UK.

Printing Process - Photogravure

BIRTH CENTENARY OF SIR BARON JAYATILLEKE

Date of issue - 13.2.1968

Printers - Messrs. Thomas de La Rue, UK.

Colour - Sepia Brown

Size - 24x29mm

Design - Photograph of Sir Baron Jayatilleke

Duration of sale - 6 months from 13.2.1968

20th ANNIVERSARY OF

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Denomination - 50 cents

Date of issue - 7.4.1968

Apart from the above, commemoratives are likely to be issued during the course of 1968 for the following events.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTENARY

Completion of Katunayake Air Port Terminal

20th Anniversary of Human Rights

INDIA

RASH BEHARI BASU

Date of issue - 26.12.1967

Denomination - 15 paisa

Printing Size - 2.99x2.1 cms.

Set - 54 stamps per sheet

Colour - plum

Perforation - 13½x14

Printing Process - Photogravure

Designed and printed at - India Security Press

Number Printed - 2 million

BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES

Date of issue - 27-12-1967

Printing size - 3.80x2.0 cms

Set - 50 stamps per sheet

Colour - Burnt Sienna

Perforation - 14x14½

The printing process and the number printed is the same as that of Rash Behari Basu

3-1-1968 :- Second International Conference of Tamil Studies

Denomination - 15 paisa

COMMEMORATIVES OF GREAT BRITAIN

by T. THANGARAJAH

Would you believe when I say that Great Britain has an international stamp trade of a multimillion-pound sterling?. Still Britain had all these years persistently refused to cater to the Philatelists by issuing special to commemoratives to celebrate important national events. Successive Post - Masters General turned down requests for the same from even the Parliament members. All requests from stamp collectors and dealers to open a Philatelic Bureau in London had been rejected.

However, a great change in the policy of issuing stamps in Great Britain has come over within the last ten years. Britain has now not only established a Philatelic Bureau but has also made special arrangements for providing special cancellations in the chief Post - Offices all over the country. Special post marks and slogans are now supplied by the British Postal Authorities to towns and counties that hold exhibitions and celebrate local events. Several hundreds of post marks have been issued during the last ten years.

The first ever commemorative stamp issued by Great Britain was in 1924, when it issued a set of two stamps for the Wembley Exhibition in the denominations of 1d and 1½d. This was repeated in 1925 and the set of two stamps issued in 1925 fetches as much as six pounds in the stamp market. The next set of commemoratives was for the Ninth Universal Postal Union Congress in 1929. 1935 saw the issue of a set of four stamps for the Silver Jubilee of King George V; 1936 saw a single commemorative for the Coronation of King George IV and Queen Elizabeth and in 1940 came the commemorative for the Centenary of First Adhesive Postage stamps. Commemorative were issued on the following occasions later:-

- Victory in 1946
- Royal Silver Wedding in 1948
- Olympic Games in 1948
- 75th Anniversary of Universal Postal Union in 1949
- Festival of Britain in 1951
- Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953
- World Scout Jubilee Jamboree in 1957
- 46th Inter Parliamentary Union Conference in 1957
- Sixth British Empire and Commonwealth Games Cardiff in 1958
- Tercentenary of General Letter Office in 1960

- First Anniversary of European Postal and Telecommunication Conference in 1960
- Centenary of Post Office Savings Bank in 1961
- C. E. P. T. Conference, Torquay in 1961
- Seventh Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in 1961
- National Productivity year in 1962

A great change in the policy of issuing commemoratives came in 1963. Great Britain began to issue commemoratives in a big way from 1963 onwards. 1963 alone so as many as six sets of commemoratives comprising 12 individual stamps. Ever after that Great Britain has continued to issue increasingly large number of commemoratives during each of the successive years.

The postal Authorities also make it a point to announce their programme of issues well in time to enable the philatelists to make ready for their collection.

The demand for the Shakespeare Festival stamps was so much that in order to keep faith with the public and have the stamps on sale at all Post - Offices for a full month the British Post - Office had to order a reprint of all the stamps in the set but 3d denomination.

Since it is Great Britain that first issued the adhesive postage stamps, it had built up a tradition in that it does not put down the country's name on the stamps. Very recently that is in July 1967, she issued a few out of a series of definitives with out even the words "Postage and Revenue" but only giving the value. However tradition - ridden Britain may be she had to bow down to the demands of the modern philatelists to issue an increased number of Commemoratives and Pictorial stamps. She has now realised that stamps play a great part in attracting tourists to a country. Hence Britain also has fallen in a line with countries that boost themselves for the tourist trade. So much is to be said regarding the commemoratives of Britain.

We in Ceylon, specially teachers, have to urge our Educational authorities to emulate Britain in Philately. The British Educational authorities have realised the value of the hobby and are extending their support to the activities of the Stamp Collecting Promotion Council to establish Stamp Clubs in schools and Colleges and hold junior stamp exhibitions. Can we not?

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