

# Press Release

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## Isle of Man Post Office Celebrates HM the Queen's 95th Birthday

Six Stamps Showcase Key Aspects of Her Majesty's Long Reign Since her Accession in 1952



Isle of Man Post Office (IOMPO) is pleased to present six stamps in celebration of HM The Queen's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. To commemorate this milestone, IOMPO showcases key aspects of Her Majesty's long reign since her accession in 1952 and pay tribute to HRH Prince Philip in this landmark issue. The issue text has been provided by author and TV personality Lady Colin Campbell.

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The issue title 'Devoted To Your Service' is an extract from a speech during her first overseas tour in 1947. Addressing the Commonwealth on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, the Queen said: "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be **devoted to your service** and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

In addition to the stamp set there will be a joint sheetlet available which is produced in collaboration with ten other postal administrations: Ascension Islands, Bahamas, British Antarctic Territory, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Jersey, South Georgia & The South Sandwich Islands and Tristan Da Cunha. Each individual stamp collection 'Devoted To Your Service' by each of the eleven postal administrations has been created by expert stamp designer Andrew Robinson. The historic and postally unique joint sheetlet (print run 5000) unites the individual stamp collections from all eleven Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories by displaying one single stamp of each postal administration. The sheetlet will be available to pre-order on Commonwealth Day which this year will be celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**Maxine Cannon, General Manager Isle of Man Stamps & Coins**, said: "We are very pleased to present this wonderful stamp issue in tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Lord of Mann. She really has devoted her life to the service of her people both here on our Island and around the Commonwealth. Furthermore, we are honored to be able to congratulate Her Majesty on her upcoming 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday alongside ten fellow postal administrations. It's our way of recognising and celebrating the values we all share through our common association with H M Queen Elizabeth II. We also would like to thank Lady Colin Campbell and Andrew Robinson for their support in the creation of this captivating stamp issue"

The 'Devoted To Your Service' collection will be issued on 26<sup>th</sup> February and is available as a Set and Sheet Set, Presentation Pack (limited to 2000) and First Day Cover (limited to 2750). As a Birthday special we will have a very limited edition of 95 envelopes signed by Lady Colin Campbell and postmarked on HM Birthday 21<sup>st</sup> April. For further information, please visit [www.iompost.com/queen-95](http://www.iompost.com/queen-95).

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## Technical Details

Text: Lady Colin Campbell  
Design: Andrew Robinson  
Printer: Cartor  
Process: Offset Lithography  
Colours: 4  
Paper: 110 gm PVA gummed  
Perforations: 13 per 2cms  
Stamp Size: 36 x 36mm  
No. of Stamps: 6

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Sheet Format: I0

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## NOTES TO EDITOR

- For images of the stamps, please visit [here](#)
- Attachment 1: Issue Text
- Attachment 2: Stamp Set
- Attachment 3: Presentation Pack
- Attachment 4: First Day Cover
- Attachment 5: Joint Sheetlet
- Attachment 6: Press Release Word Document
- **Royal author Lady Colin Campbell**, known to the British public by the moniker *Lady C* since her acclaimed stint on *I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here* resulted in her becoming the most Googled living individual in 2015. A popular and newsworthy public figure, she is called upon to commentate about the Royal Family all over the world, as well as taking part in popular TV shows such as *Celebs Go Dating*, *Through the Keyhole*, *Loose Women*, *This Morning* and *Good Morning Britain*.
- **Andrew Robinson** was born in Yorkshire and attended school in Rawdon near Leeds and went on to Blackpool College of Art and Design to study technical and scientific illustration. His first commission was to illustrate a series of pages for the *Reader's Digest Nature Lover's Library* books, depicting insects and spiders, after which he illustrated books on the subject of dinosaurs. He continued to produce work for many publishers, including children's pop up books and other nature field guides. He was commissioned to illustrate his first postage stamps by the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau; and then produced many artworks on wildlife themed stamps for other countries. Andrew's portfolio of work has now diversified to encompass many different subjects including aircraft, ships, scientists, explorers, botany and many royal events. Alongside traditional painting he has more recently been producing painted digital art, which encompasses line and paint techniques, a skill he has been developing for stamp illustration.
- **Acknowledgements:** We would like to thank Tim Underwood, who has assisted us in the production of this issue. We are also grateful to the ten other nations with whom we have collaborated on this issue: Ascension Islands, Bahamas, British Antarctic Territory, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Jersey, South Georgia & The South Sandwich Islands and Tristan Da Cunha.
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