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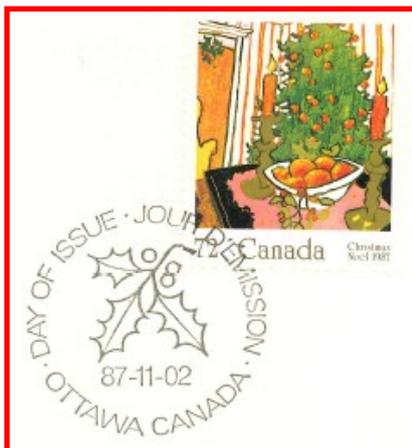
IT'S CHRISTMAS

The theme of Christmas can be a very varied and interesting line of collecting, with the many different aspects which are associated with this festival.

The birth of Jesus and Christianity has led to stained glass windows in churches since the 7th century in Britain, which became a way to tell the story of the Bible to the people. New Zealand is home to some truly beautiful stained-glass windows which range in design from the traditional to the contemporary. This year's miniature sheet from New Zealand Post shows five different windows from churches around the country. An innovative printing aspect is that translucent gummed paper was used and die-cut in the shape of traditional church windows.



Another custom of Christmas is the tree which developed in early modern Germany and can be traced back to the 16th century. It acquired popularity beyond Germany during the second half of the 19th century, at first among wealthier families. The tree was traditionally decorated with edibles like apples and nuts. Candles were then used and now it's electric tree lights.



Holly with red berries in winter is also a traditional Christmas decoration in colder climates.

An angel or star might be placed at the top of the tree to represent the archangel Gabriel or the Star of Bethlehem from the nativity.



To the right the postmark was first used on the 16 September 1992.



Father Christmas dates back as far as the 16th century in England during the reign of Henry VIII, when he was pictured as a large man in green or scarlet robes lined with fur. Father Christmas is now widely known as Santa Claus, a name originating from America.

In more recent times a tradition has been that Santa has Elves to help him.



Swedish booklet 2004



Finnish stamps of 1991

Ho ho ho is the way that many languages write out how Santa Claus laughs. **"Ho, ho, ho!**
 Merry Chirstmas!"

News Release

Stamp Camp 2016

PYC Stamp Camp will be held at the NZ Cadet Force Training Centre, 393 Evans Bay Parade, Wellington from Sunday the 17th April to Saturday the 23rd April 2016.

The cost of the camp will be \$250 per person. A deposit of \$100 is required with registration. Forms are available from Ross Gainsford (gainsford.family@xtra.co.nz) or from Paul McTaggart (pmtaggs@gmail.com).

The NZ Cadet Force Training Centre is located 5 minutes from Wellington Airport and is close to transport and the city centre.



Oops!



In 1938 Fiji released for sale the stamp above left, which has a well known design error. The boat has no helmsman. The stamp was not taken off sale, and is therefore one which you could find quite easily. When a second printing was necessary the error was corrected and issued in 1940 with a helmsman in the boat as shown on the second stamp.

For anyone who is collecting ships on stamps, these two would make a great addition to your collection. Mount them side by side, and show your philatelic knowledge.

DID YOU KNOW

The youngest known Postmaster in New Zealand ran the Arthurton (which is near Invercargill) Post Office in 1904 when she was 12 years old.

DID YOU KNOW

World Toilet Day is a United Nations observance, and has been held on November 19 since 2013. Each year thousands of people join in promoting World Toilet Day around the world via social media campaigns, online petitions and getting involved in a range of events held in different countries.

Last year Samoa launched the world's first ever stamps to celebrate this global event, and opened two garden toilet blocks, the first of its kind in Samoa.



Did you know that more people in the world have a mobile phone than access to a toilet? Of the world's seven billion people, six billion have mobile phones, however, only 4.5 billion have access to good sanitation!!!



NEW ZEALAND A-Z WORD PUZZLE



Can you find the New Zealand icon word which follows

Is for ?



I	R	N	E	A	X	U	P	H	A	M	D
W	E	Y	B	E	T	O	V	Y	A	R	N
I	D	A	A	E	R	W	E	P	D	K	F
K	N	P	O	R	E	T	U	R	B	S	A
T	A	I	D	T	M	H	E	L	E	L	N
H	L	T	A	O	E	O	I	N	G	O	T
G	S	Y	A	D	S	A	V	V	I	O	A
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N	R	L	O	G	O	F	W	O	O	D	L
D	E	E	A	I	R	A	E	K	A	U	Q
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Aotearoa
Beehive
Cook
Dog
Edmonds
Fantail
Goodnight Kiwi

Haka
Interislander
Jellytip
Kiaora
Mudpools
Pinetree
Quake

Log of Wood
Upham
Vote
Weta
Xtremesports
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