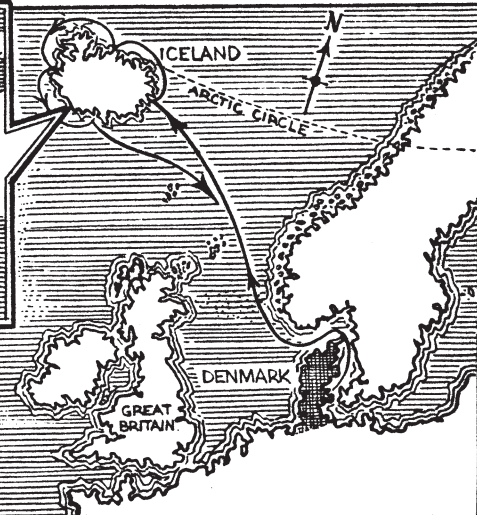


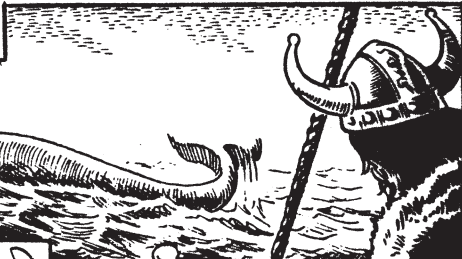
# THE FAILURE OF A WARLOCK

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY *Monty Wedd*

IN 1930, ICELAND ISSUED A SERIES OF STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE THE MILLENNARY OF THE ICELAND PARLIAMENT. A STAMP OF THIS UNUSUAL SERIES IS DEPICTED BELOW.



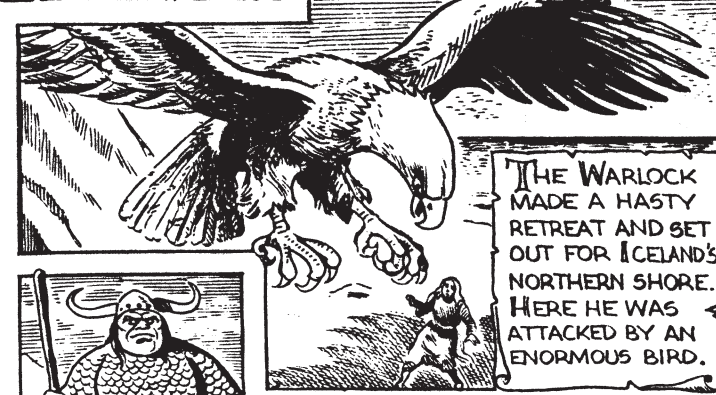
THE CORNERS OF THE STAMP FEATURED CHARACTERS FROM A 10TH CENTURY ICELANDIC LEGEND, AN EAGLE-LIKE BIRD WAS SHOWN IN ONE, WHILE A DRAGON APPEARED IN ANOTHER, THE THIRD DEPICTED A BULL, WHILE THE FOURTH CORNER FEATURED A GIANT WITH AN IRON STAFF.



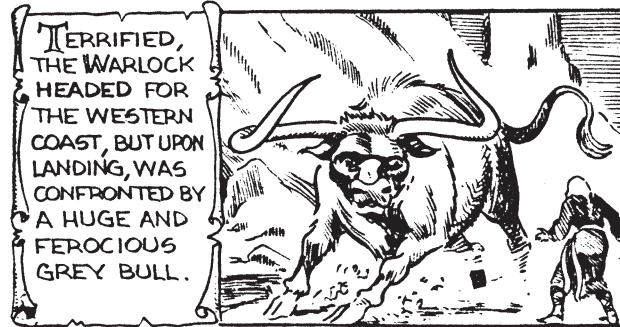
ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, THE KING OF DENMARK WAS CONSIDERING ADDING ICELAND TO HIS DOMAIN, SO HE SENT A WARLOCK TO SPY OUT THE LAND.

THE WARLOCK, BEING A SORCERER, DEPARTED ON HIS MISSION DISGUISED AS A WHALE.

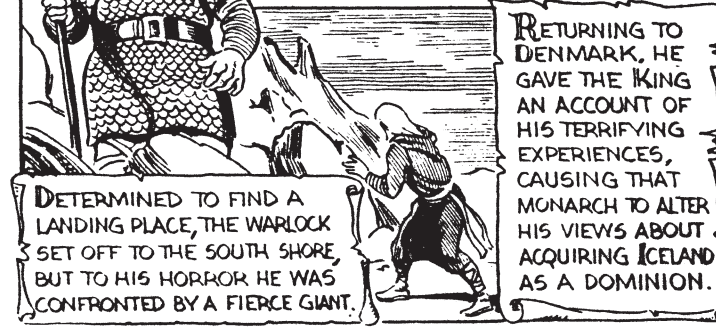
UPON ARRIVING OFF THE EAST COAST OF ICELAND, THE WARLOCK TRIED TO LAND, BUT WAS ATTACKED BY A POISONOUS DRAGON.....



THE WARLOCK MADE A HASTY RETREAT AND SET OUT FOR ICELAND'S NORTHERN SHORE. HERE HE WAS ATTACKED BY AN ENORMOUS BIRD.



TERRIFIED, THE WARLOCK HEADED FOR THE WESTERN COAST, BUT UPON LANDING, WAS CONFRONTED BY A HUGE AND FEROCIOUS GREY BULL.



DETERMINED TO FIND A LANDING PLACE, THE WARLOCK SET OFF TO THE SOUTH SHORE, BUT TO HIS HORROR HE WAS CONFRONTED BY A FIERCE GIANT.

RETURNING TO DENMARK, HE GAVE THE KING AN ACCOUNT OF HIS TERRIFYING EXPERIENCES, CAUSING THAT MONARCH TO ALTER HIS VIEWS ABOUT ACQUIRING ICELAND AS A DOMINION.



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# POSTAL HISTORY

with Ed Druce

Postal Historians are interested in covers, postmarks and postal rates

How many of you have begun to be Postal Historians since the first issue of our magazine? Have you saved a complete envelope because you are interested in the postmark as well as the stamp?

## Postal Rates

Here is a typical modern cover much like one that you are likely to receive in your home letter-box.



I'm sure that you know why it has a 45c stamp stuck on it. It is because Australia Post is prepared to accept this letter and deliver it all the way to the address shown for a fee of 45c. This is called the **Postal Rate** and it changes from time to time and for different services.

The 45c fee only applies for small thin letters sent to an address in Australia. For larger and heavier letters or for letters to overseas addresses different fees are charged. For example the same size letter to the United States by Airmail would cost \$1.05.

## How old is Postal History?

The first postage stamp, the famous **penny black**, was issued in 1840, nearly 158 years ago. Postal History is much older than this however since people were writing letters long before the invention of the postage stamp.

The first people to send letters that we know about were the ancient Sumerians who lived in the country we now call Iraq. They sent each other clay tablets with inscriptions on them as early as 4000BC, even before the invention of paper and ink!

So **Postal History** is at least 6000 years old and still going strong!

*Write and tell us about your oldest cover.*



*This letter was sent from Manchester to London in 1829, eleven years before the invention of postage stamps. It is a fine example of how covers looked in the centuries before the Penny Black*

## Stamp Detectives: CHRISTMAS STAMPS QUIZ

from Mike Munzer

Try to answer as many of these questions as you can without looking in your Stamp Album or Catalogue. Then check all of your answers with your catalogue, before you submit your entry.



1. Name the child shown on the 1957 Christmas Stamp.
2. In what year did "Surfing Santa" appear on a stamp?
3. What type of Flower is shown in the design of the 5c, 1967 Christmas stamp?
4. What is the colour of the hair ribbon worn by the girl on the 1964 Christmas stamp?
5. How many Green stamps are found in a set of the 1971 Christmas Issue?
6. Name the plant being picked in the design on the 18c, 1981 Christmas stamp.
7. How many children are shown with Jesus on the 7c, 1972 Christmas stamp?
8. What was the denomination of the lowest value in the 1982 Christmas set?
9. Who appears with Jesus on the 7c, 1973 Christmas stamp?
10. In what year did Australia first issue a Christmas stamp?

Please write down your ten answers and send your entry to Linda Lee. Mark the envelope "Christmas Quiz" and remember to include your own name, age and address. As usual prizes are awarded for neatness and presentation as well as correct answers. All entrants will receive a "Dogs" minisheet and winners will receive further special prizes from Australia Post and ASDA.

**Please Note: Entries Close on Thursday, April 30th, 1998**

## FIND THE THEME

from Betty Van Tenac

Christmas is my favourite time of year. So when I started collecting stamps, naturally "Christmas" became my chosen theme.

In 1957, Australia was the first Commonwealth country to issue Christmas stamps and has issued either a stamp or set of stamps ever since. In past years secular designs have been issued, however, in recent times the sets have related to the Nativity story in some way.

I have selected the \$1.80 (ACC# 1468) value from the 1994 set of 5 stamps. The stamps are based on the painting "The Adoration of the Magi" by Giovanni Toscani, (1372-1430) a painting from the National Gallery of Victoria.



Let us take a magnifying glass and see how many themes we can relate to this stamp.

1. The Christian Religion - Christmas
2. Horses
3. Hats - head coverings
4. Fashion - clothing
5. Stockings
6. Gifts - gold

Can you find two other themes?

It is interesting to note that the artists who lived in the Middle Ages painted the figures in their paintings wearing the fashions of the times. Can you see that the central male figure is wearing a blue surcoat over his clothes. His arm holding the gift is covered by a red sleeve and he is wearing one red and one white stocking. It was a fashion of the times to wear different coloured stockings.

## YOUTH PHILATELY NEWS

from the APF

This is the first issue with the new name of the magazine. Congratulations to our winners.

I would also like to thank the members of the Stamps and Stuff Club at the East Marden Primary School for their card. Lauren, Rebecca, Claire, Jessicah, Preethie, Margie, Jenny, Gaire and Bianca wrote to say thank you for the magazine.

Our first batch of prizes will be going out to winners soon and as usual so will the prizes to everyone for entering the competitions. So get your entries in, *Stamp Detectives*.

Over 1998 there will be some of the same features including more Postal History. If you want to start putting together an exhibit once you have some material you will be interested in one project that the APF wants to take up with all Stamp Clubs. We would like to link a young collector with an expert in exhibiting in a particular field. So please write and let me know which area you are keen on. The areas include traditional stamp collecting, postal history, postal stationery, revenues, aerophilately, astrophilately and thematics. There is also a literature class that includes stamp magazines as well as articles.

All the best for 1998.

Linda

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Click on Youth on the Homepage.

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### Horse Competition Entries

One of the nicest entries in our recent "Horses" competition was sent in by the Flavel brothers, Daniel (10), Shaun (8) and Ryan (5). The boys are all enthusiastic members of the Lower Murray Philatelic Society and took part in a Christmas Display at Murray Bridge in South Australia last year and guess what? Their club won!



Ryan Flavel's contribution to the decorations on the Flavel brothers entry



LEFT. The brothers Flavel in front of their Christmas display

Well done all of you!

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## The Gum Trees of Australia

by Ron Young

The good old Aussie Gum Tree! It is difficult to imagine a more distinctive Australian scene than a stand of gum trees in a dusty red landscape. They have been cut down in enormous numbers to feed the timber and woodchip industry, or to clear land for farming or mining. Even so there are still gum trees almost everywhere you look.

There are many different types of gum tree, or *Eucalypt* to give the species its correct botanical label. The name "gum" tree was given to the trees by early explorers because of the treacle-like substance some *Eucalyptus* trees produce. There are over 600 different types of *Eucalypt* in Australia.

Scientists give plants and trees Greek or Latin names that are the same all over the world. The first name is the *Generic* name (like a person's surname or family name). The second name is the *Specific* name (the same as a person's christian or given name). A plant or tree will also have a common name (much the same as a nickname) which may vary from one region or state to another.

So a gum tree called *Eucalyptus ficifolia* has the common name of "*Red Flowering Gum*".



The well named Ghost Gum is shown on this 1979 issue



The flowers of the Tasmanian Blue Gum appear on this 1968 stamp



This issue of 1974 featured the painting "Red Gums of the Far North" by the famous artist Hans Heysen

Australia Post has produced a number of attractive stamps depicting gum trees, some of which are shown here.



The cover of the 1982 Booklet



1982 Booklet pane showing Eucalypt flowers

# THE LONELY ISLAND

by Richard C Peck

Where do you think the loneliest island in the world is?

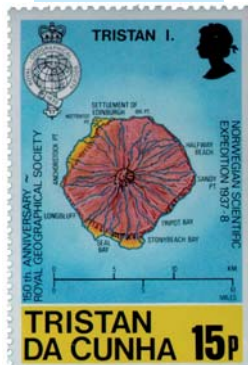


It is located in the South Atlantic Ocean, midway between South Africa and South America and is a tiny British settlement called Tristan da Cunha. It is actually the tip of a dormant

volcano on the South Atlantic ridge.

## Discovery

The name hardly sounds British does it?. This is because it was named by a Portuguese navigator Tristao da Cunha in 1506. However it was not settled until Napoleon was placed on "nearby" St Helena in 1817. Corporal Glass, one member of the British garrison on Tristan elected to stay and the population was built up from shipwrecked sailors and any one else who chose to stay. Today there are only 7 family names on Tristan.



The Tip of a Volcano!



Tristao da Cunha's Flagship on an issue of 1965 overprinted in 1971

## The First Stamps

Fishing and issuing postage stamps are the two main industries on Tristan. From 1908 to 1952 missionaries used postal cachets on their mail as there were no postage stamps.

In 1946 a series of stamps was proposed for Tristan and designed by Allan B Crawford. The penny value was actually printed privately by him in South Africa- notice the type of currency used!



Postage  
One Penny or 4 Potatoes!

Tristan actually issued postage stamps in 1952 which were overprints on St Helena stamps. They issued the first definitive set in 1954.



## Disaster

Suddenly in August 1961 the ground began to shake and a new volcano began to erupt. In October the islanders were evacuated via Cape Town to England where they spent two unhappy years as many of the older people could not get used to modern civilisation. They voted to return in 1963.



Evacuation  
and  
Resettlement



Tristan originally used English currency but in April 1961 re-issued its fish definitives in South African rand. Issues after 1963 were again in British pounds and Tristan adopted British decimal currency in 1971.

Today the second largest amount of money comes from the sale of stamps to collectors but Tristan has a fairly conservative policy with only about 6 sets per year. Most of their stamps show features of the island and this is often the best way to learn about a place.



St Mary's  
Church

There are about 300 people on Tristan these days, but there is still no TV set! Many islanders assist in the fishing industry. There is only one town on the island, Edinburgh, named after the first duke of that name who visited in 1867. The main crop is potatoes and there are many grazing cows. The islanders spin wool and make their own clothes and handicrafts, all of which can be seen on their stamps.



The  
Opening of  
Calshot  
Harbour in  
1967

It isn't easy to visit Tristan as there is only one tourist ship per year from Cape Town, though many large cruise liners (including the Queen Elizabeth II) have visited in the past,

often producing colourful covers as souvenirs.

I haven't visited Tristan yet but when I do I will have an advantage because I already know a lot from collecting its postage stamps.

## Visit us on the Net

We now have our very own website called the APF Juniors. You can visit us simply by clicking on *Youth* on the main APF Homepage at:

<http://www.apf.org.au>

or you can surf directly to us at:

<http://www.picknowl.com.au/homepages/apfjuniors/default.htm>

As well as excerpts from the latest issue of this magazine you will also find craft pages, advice to beginners and a list of links to sites chosen especially for junior collectors.

## About Our Cover

Many thanks to our friends at Australia Post for their kind permission to use the "Jacana" maxicard to decorate our cover. It is one of the four definitive stamps, each with its own maxicard, which form the Wetlands Birds set, issued on 2 June 1997.