# THE STAMPS ..... so far with enormous thanks to Terry Pratchett, who hasn't seemed to mind a bit.

POSTAGE

e Eminence Gris

there is a subtle difference



The Farthing stamp Merchants Guild sponsored by the Candlewick makers and Oil men Maroon on a cream body. Hand perforated 25mm x 25mm



Pimpernell Orange on a white face. Patrician in profile opposite perforations (coarse) cut.



The Penny farthing Stamp Merchants Guild sponsored by the Grocers and Dry goods Merchants. Hand perforated 25mm x 37mm Umber on a cream body.



The Five Penny Morporkia Blue 35mm x 40mm Dual Blue tints over a white ground with central numeral at top. Under which is Morporkia girdled, fork in the assent. Some subject to in line perforations (coarse) cut.

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**Hidden Gems** 

something to find.

great.



denomination. Central design of the Original Post Office before restoration. Some subject to in line



The Ankh Two Penny Purple 30mm x 35mm Ripe plum Purple overall. Central motive of Ankh-Morpork Coat of Arms. Significant numeral

bottom centre. Some subject to in line perforations (coarse) cut.



The Ten Penny Morporkia Green 35mm x 40mm Brassica tints over a

white ground Some subject to in line perforations (coarse) cut.

As with all forms of collecting, there has to be something left to chance, and

The stamps that are hand perforated are by their very nature rare. It's a long-winded process, and the chances of cocking up a sheet of stamps are

A few stamps of all denominations have been put through this process,

But the \$1 Tower of Art, and the \$5 Blue Triangle, and all the Merchant

It is within these very short run stamps that you will get the little 'sports'



The Penny Patrician Mostly Black. showing the head of Lord Vetinari in profile. Has a fine burelage to the background. Some subject to in line





The Merchants Guild Three penny, ored by the Fish Mongers Hand perforated 25mm x 37mm An ox blood brown ink on a cream body



The Merchants Guild **Fifty penny** 

sponsored by the Butchers and Tripe Merchants. Prussian Green on a cream body Hand perforated 25mm x 37mm



The Penny Red Indian red in colour. Indian red in colour, this stamp was trialed by Teemer & Spools but not adopted by the Post Office. Distributed only through the Journal.





The Assassins Guild Three Pence (The Thrup'ny Resurrection) Hand Perforated A rich Blue & Purple on a white body paper.



A special Brassica Edition. showing the verdiant glory of the Sto Plains. Patrician opposite a cabbage rampant. 35mm x 28mm



The \$5 Brass Bridge Blue Triangle Triangular in shape with an Empire Blue base tint giving way to Octorine hints. Central design of the famous Brass Bridge over the river Ankh on which can be seen a wizard, watchman, and Assassin. There is also a small boy but he does not

count. The \$5 is very, very, rare (500 in all ... ever) All are subject to in line perforations (coarse) cut.

## **First Day Covers**

stamps are exclusively hand perforated.

that make collecting such ... fun

These divide into two categories. The first is a conventional First Day Cover of the sort that the Post Office produces commemorating national events and the like. These are produced in the hundreds, and in the case of the Waterstones first day cover 10,000 were put into circulation. The second category can best be described as being Discworld artefacts and are invariably hand finished, and conform in some way to what Terry has written. These 'artefacts' will only ever be produced in small numbers and are consequently much harder for the collector to obtain on the secondary market.





The Thrup'ny Dreadful Envelope As described by Terry Pratchett. A Discworld Artifact of only 99 within which there were 8 varieties of names & addresses.

Sold in December 2004 for £10.00 now changing hands for nearly £200.



500 will be produced at £2.50

Easily recognizable because the paper is thinner (80gm) than the normal Penny's, and the printing process is one we have never used before. Printed on a Printed on a letterset machine on 80gm paper Cartouches bear H - V & A - M

The Penny Black Civic.

The Assassins Guild

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The Thrup ny Dreadful ('the Zombie stamp') Hand Perforated 35mm x 38mm A rich Blue & Purple on a white and very dead, body.

The \$1 Tower of Art Green

Depicting the Unseen University Tower of Art amid its scholastic environment A most unusual stamp with reports of transfiguration within the

engraving. All are subject to in line perforations (coarse) cut.

30mm x 95mm

The 2004 Hogswatch Stamp Green tints with

sausages in pink 2,900 of these produced including those used on the Hogswatch First Day Cover.



#### THE STORY OF THE STAMPS

As with everything we produce, in the beginning was the word, and these Discworld Stamps (or Cinderellas as this type of stamp are called) are no different.

Stamps have always fascinated me, I have never really collected them as such, but I have always liked looking at them. They seem to have such an air of authority about them, in the same way that real money used to have, when a ten shilling note could spell a night of solid drinking, and you only saw a fiver on pay day. Money with style and real gravity, serious bits of paper that had to be housed in wallets the size of a wardrobe.

Stamps were like that, but with the added mystery of 'foreign'.

Stamps with the heads of kings, queens, dictators, presidents, with strange devices and flags, and all in the sort of colour you didn't get every day.

Of course all you ever saw in stamp books were fuzzy black images at the top of the page, it was in the cellophane packet that you got with it that had the real thing.

Stamps that had presided over letters of introduction, letters of love, letters of pain, letters of plenty, and of course letters of intent both good and bad.

You've only to read "Going Postal" to realize the degree of collaboration. As Terry was writing the book, so I was suggesting ideas and producing drawings. Some of the images were suggested by Terry and others resulted from deep and meaningful consultations over a pint or two.

We consulted print historians, philatelists, stamp dealers and museums to get the design and production right.

From my rough sketches and layouts Colin Edwards; who knows the print game inside out, and is a bit of a lad with a Mac, knew a man who could wield a mean quill called Alan Batley.

They could do all the things I couldn't and between us we created the stamps you see today,

It was thanks to the rather splendid Bath Postal Museum that we were able to use their lineal perforator to trial our designs, it is incredibly ancient, but with our help they have got it working again.

The majority of the stamps have been produced by Joh. Enschedé. They were established in Haarlem (Netherlands) in 1703. It is widely recognized as one of Holland's finest printing houses. Enschedé prints banknotes and stamps for the Dutch government, fine art catalogues, and commercial high-quality work.

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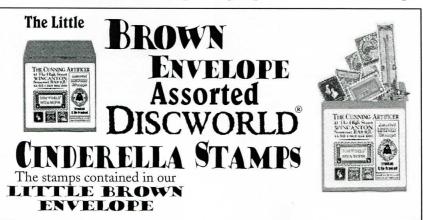
FIRST DAY COVERS. Each issue has a free and exclusive stamp, and back issues are available for subscribers. Stanley Howler stamp albums are also available.



DISCWORLD STAMPS have been produced to the highest standard from original artwork and will feature in the landscape of DISCWORLD for years to come.

A certain 'Gentleman of Letters' supervising the perforations of the first stamps

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There are a random mixture of the types available plus a chance to get some of the rare hand perforated stamps and these could include some rare issues of the Tower of Art, The 'Eminence Gris, Penny Civic, or even the very, very rare \$5 triangle, or Thruppn'y Dreadful.

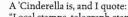
If you are lucky enough to find a \$5 Blue, then we would ask you to register this fact with us as there will only ever be 500 worldwide.

#### What on earth is a 'Cinderella'?

CWORLD

swap stamps.

It's not a stamp for a start; the correct term amongst serious collectors and philatelists is that of a 'Cinderella'.



"Local stamps, telegraph stamps, railway stamps, revenues/fiscals, forgeries, bogus and phantom issues. Christmas, Red Cross, TB and other charity seals, registration labels, advertisement and exhibition labels and many other items"

So it seems we are producing Cinderella's.

So far (30th Jan 2005) we have produced over 80,000 stamps. Some of the rare ones, most of which are those given away in the Little Brown Envelopes have changed hands for between  $f_{20}$  and  $f_{IIO}$  and a limited edition FDC for  $f_{180}$ .

There is an open forum available on our web site, and collectors do

Always black. except when red.

Whatever you choose to call them, these 'stamps' are genuine **Discworld** artefacts, and should you find yourself in Ankh-Morpork without a penny to your name, these tiny pieces of beautifully decorated pieces of paper will act as a form of currency.

