

Falkland Islands Dependencies

The Falkland Islands Dependencies were the constitutional arrangement for administering British territories in the Subantarctic and Antarctica from 1843 until 1985.

The territories constituting the Falkland Islands Dependencies in 1908 were listed by the Letters Patent as:

"the groups of islands known as South Georgia, the South Orkneys, the South Shetlands, and the Sandwich Islands, and the territory known as Graham's Land, situated in the South Atlantic Ocean to the south of the 50th parallel of south latitude, and lying between 20° and 80° west longitude."

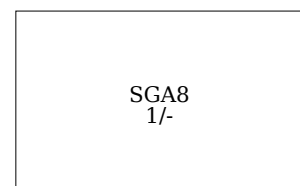
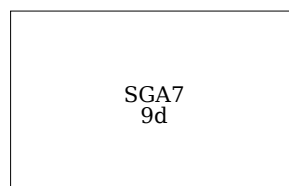
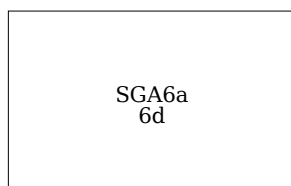
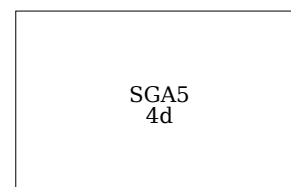
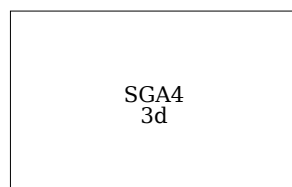
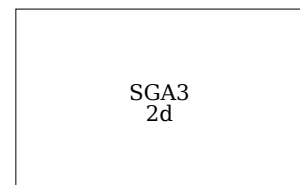
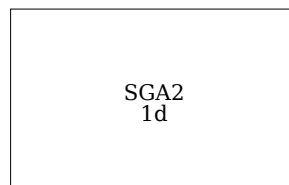
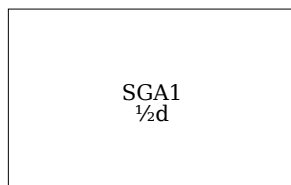
In 1917, the Letters Patent were modified, applying the "sector principle" used in the Arctic; the new scope of the Dependencies was extended to comprise:

"all islands and territories whatsoever between the 20° and 50° west longitude which are situated south of the 50th parallel of south latitude; and all islands and territories whatsoever between 50° and 80° west longitude which are situated south of the 58th parallel of south latitude".

The first stamps specifically for the Falkland Islands Dependencies were issued in 1944 and consisted of overprints on stamps of the Falkland Islands for the FID territories of Graham Land, South Georgia, the South Orkneys and the South Shetlands

1944 Definitives (Graham Land)

12 February 1944



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1944 Definitives (South Georgia)

12 February 1944

SGB1
½d

SGB2
1d

SGB3
2d

SGB4
3d

SGB5
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SGB6a
6d

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9d

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1/-

1944 Definitives (South Orkneys)

12 February 1944

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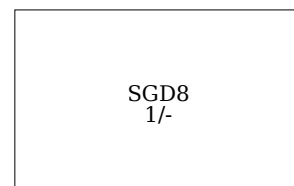
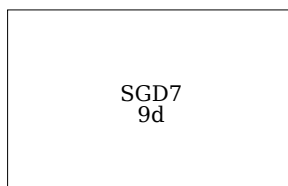
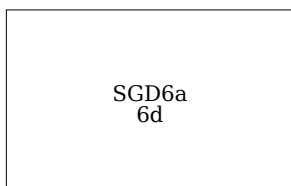
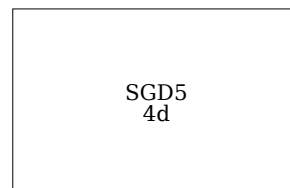
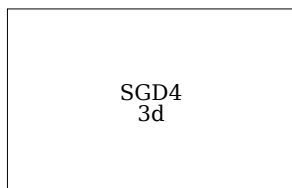
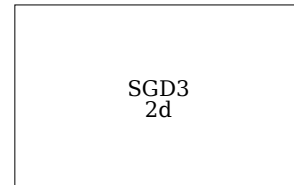
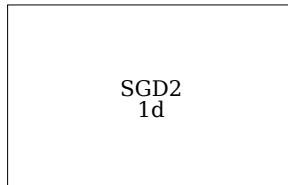
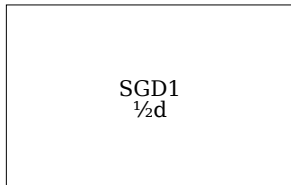
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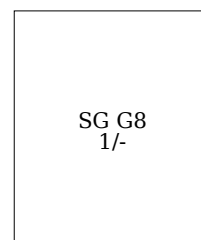
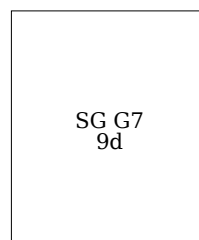
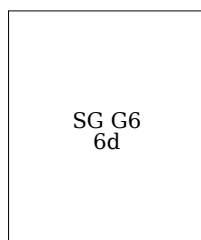
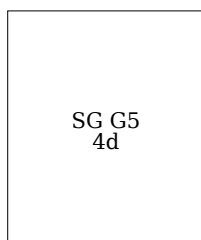
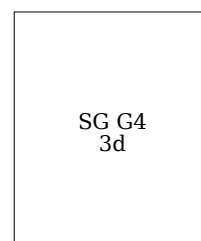
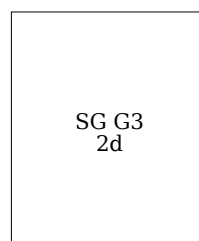
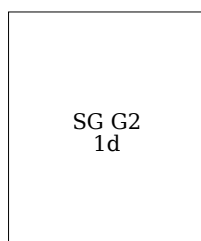
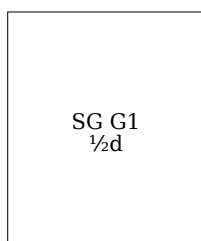
12 February 1944



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1946 Definitives (Thick Maps)

1 February 1946

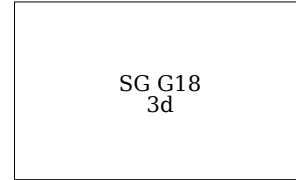
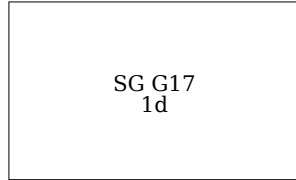


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Victory Issue

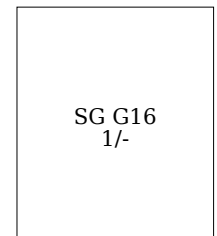
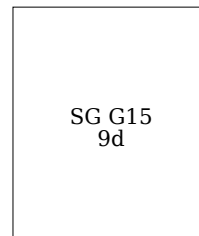
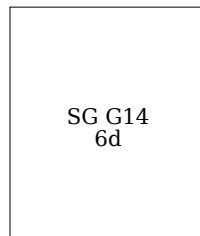
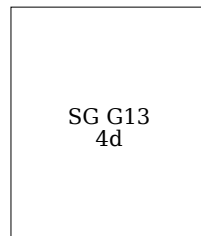
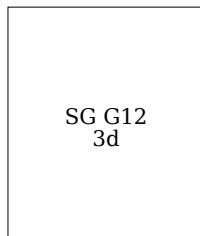
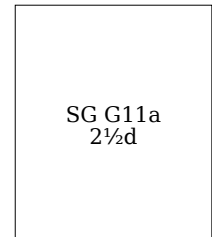
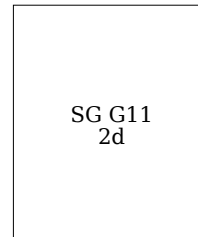
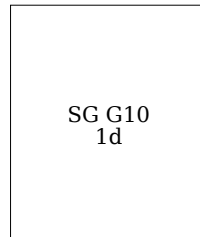
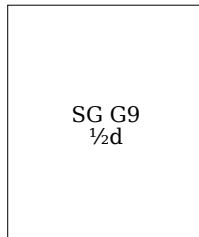
4 October 1946



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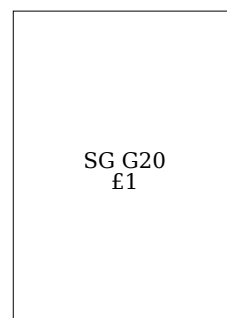
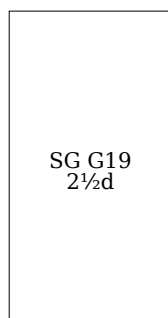
16 February 1948



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Royal Silver Wedding

20 October 1948

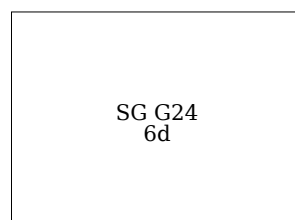
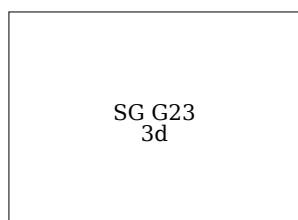
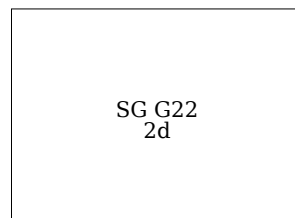
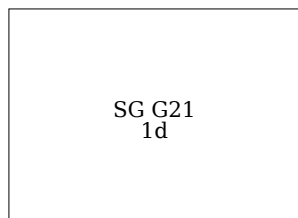


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75th Anniversary, Universal Postal Union

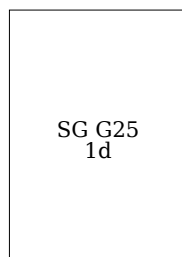
10 October 1949



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Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

4 June 1953



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Falkland Islands Dependencies

Ship Definitives

1 February 1954

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SG G27
1d

SG G28
1½d

SG G33
6d

SG G29
2d

SG G30
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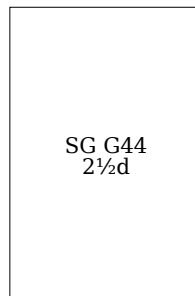
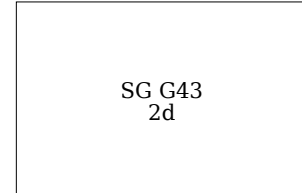
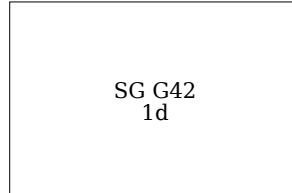
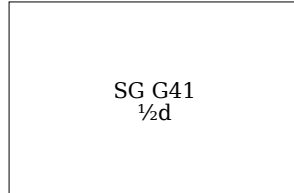
SG G40
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Falkland Islands Dependencies

Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, 1955-58

30 January 1956



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The new international legal regime introduced in the Antarctic territory south of 60° south latitude by the 1961 Antarctic Treaty prompted Britain to separate the part of the Dependencies that became subject to the Treaty.

That was done by a 1962 Order in Council that established the British Antarctic Territory, leaving in the Dependencies only the island groups of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, including Shag Rocks and Clerke Rocks.

Between 1961 and 1980 stamps labelled 'South Georgia' were used, reverting to the name 'Falkland Islands Dependencies' in 1980.

In 1985 the Dependencies became the distinct British overseas territory of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

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Landscape Definitives

First issue 5 May 1980

SG 74a
1p

SG 75a
2p

SG 76a
3p

SG 77a
4p

SG 78a
5p

SG 79a
6p

SG 80a
7p

SG 81a
8p

SG 82a
9p

SG 83a
10p

SG 84a
20p

SG 85a
25p

SG 86a
50p

SG 87a
£1

SG 88a
£3

The 1980 issue does not have a date imprint below the stamp

Perf. 13½

Falkland Islands Dependencies

Second issue 3 May 1984

SG 74b
1p

SG 75b
2p

SG 76b
3p

SG 77b
4p

SG 78b
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SG 79b
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SG 80b
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SG 83b
10p

SG 84b
20p

SG 85b
25p

SG 86b
50p

1984 date imprint below the stamp

Perf. 13½

Falkland Islands Dependencies

Third issue 18 November 1985

SG 84c
20p

SG 85c
25p

SG 86c
50p

SG 87c
£1

SG 88c
£3

1985 date imprint below the stamp

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Subantarctic Plants

5 February 1981

SG 89
3p

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SG 92
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SG 92
11p

SG 93
15p

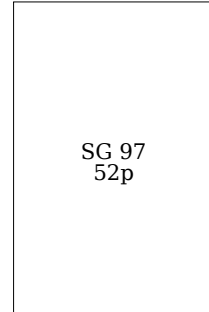
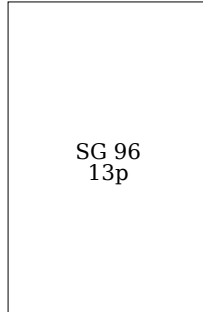
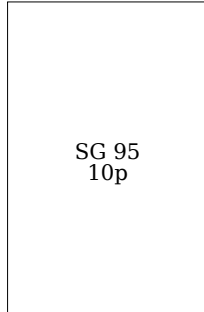
SG 94
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Royal Wedding

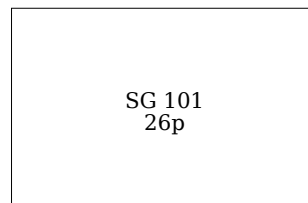
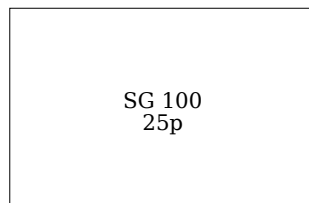
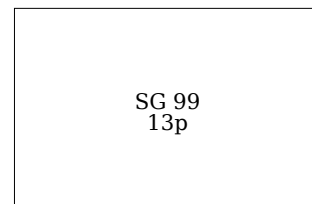
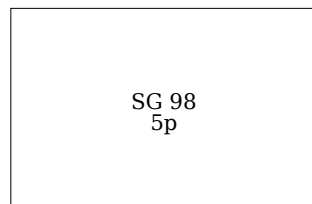
22 July 1981



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Introduced Species: Reindeer

29 January 1982



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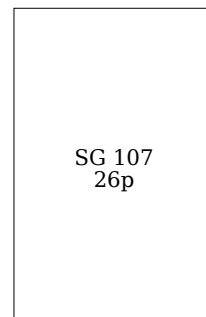
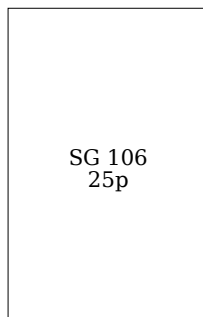
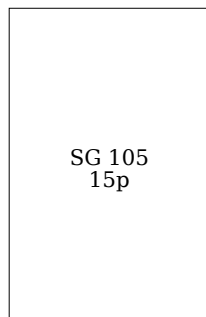
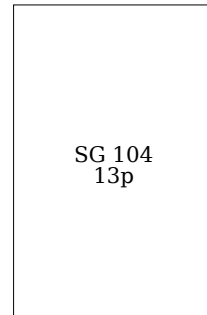
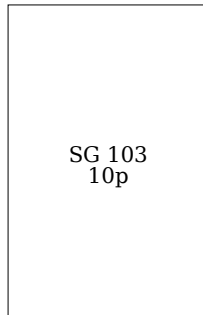
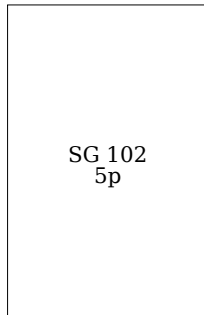
Reindeer, a species of deer adapted to arctic and subarctic climates, were introduced to South Georgia by Norwegian whalers in the early 20th century. The reason for the introduction was to provide both recreational hunting and fresh meat for the numerous people working in the whaling industry on the island at the time.

Since then, with the end of the whaling industry, and in the absence of a permanently resident population, the reindeer population, in two geographically separated wild herds, increased to the point where their presence was causing environmental damage and led to a decision to eradicate them.

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Insects

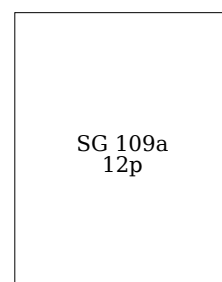
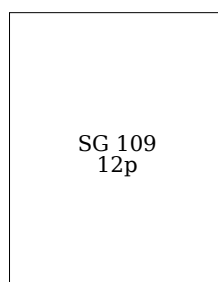
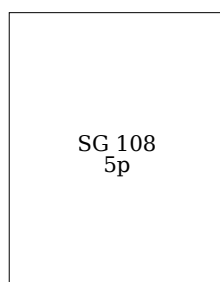
16 March 1982



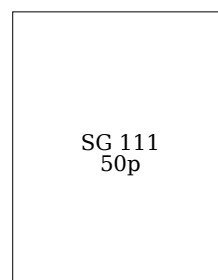
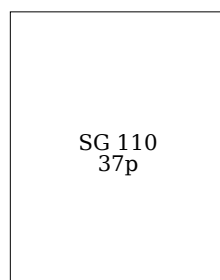
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21st Birthday of Diana, Princess of Wales

7 September 1982



Perf 13½

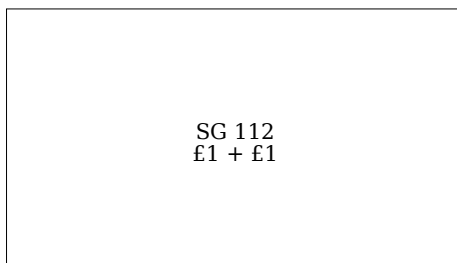


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Rebuilding

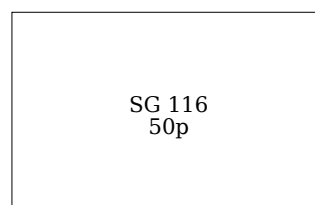
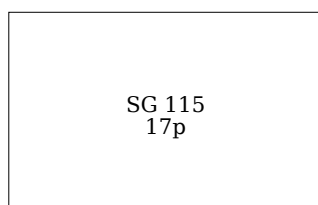
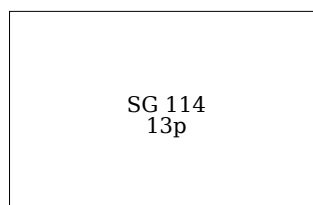
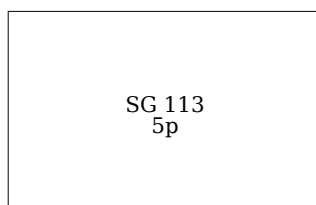
13 September 1982



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Bicentenary of Manned Flight

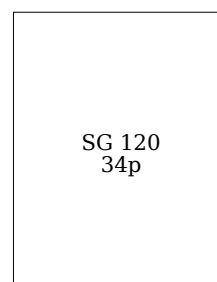
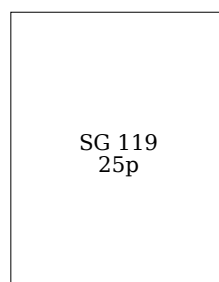
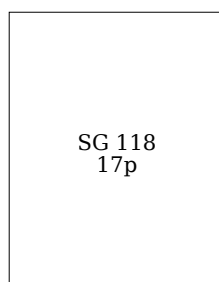
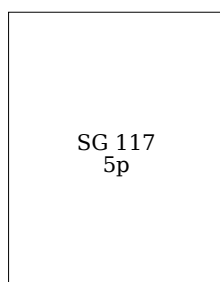
23 December 1983



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Crustaceans

23 March 1984

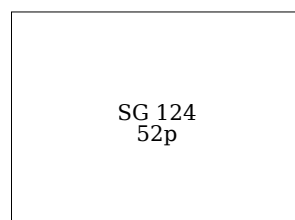
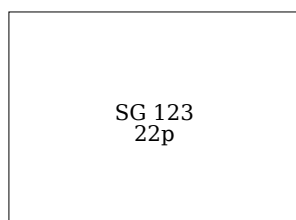
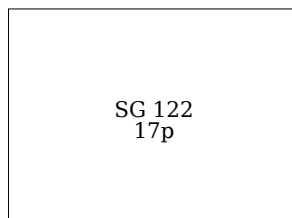
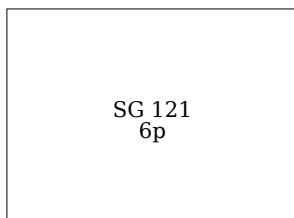


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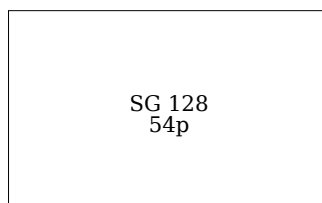
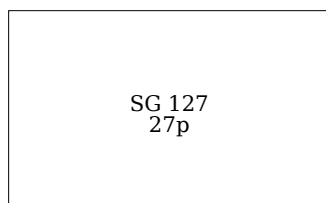
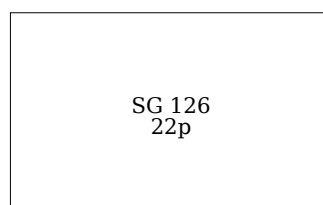
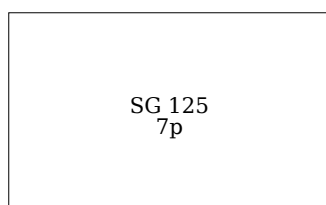
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