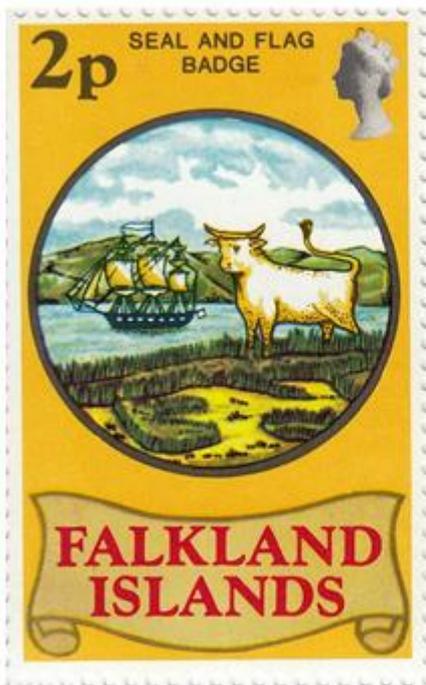


**Under the Magnifying Glass: No.32 Memories of the Urch Harris Catalogue by Malcolm Barton and Kim Stuckey**

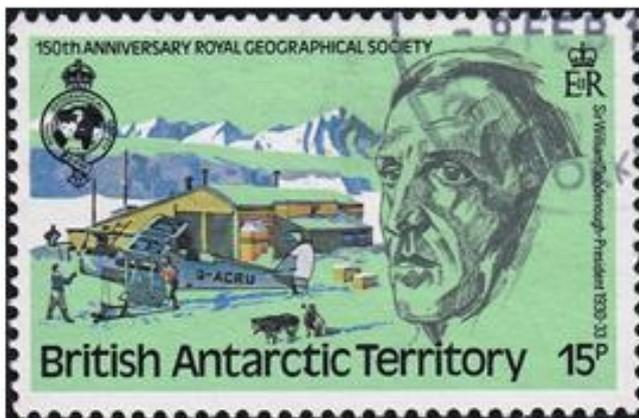


We recently had a wander through the 1984 Urch Harris (remember them in Clifton Heights, Bristol?) catalogue of British Antarctica and Falkland Islands stamps. It is a slim volume, but there are some interesting items in there that we have followed up for potential inclusion in the new Hejtz edition.

The first variety noted is a Falkland Islands Heraldic Arms issue, on the 2p value.

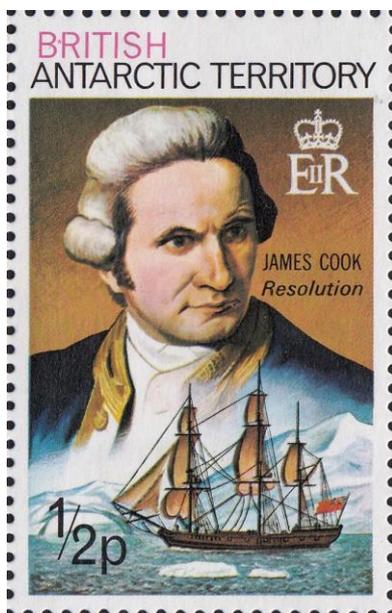
On position 24, Row 5/4 in Plate 1A, the crown has a black flaw, looking like a tadpole. This is visible to the naked eye within the sheet as a dark top to the crown. We also show a close up of the flaw to the left.

However you will say “but that is the same stamp as the yellow road variety!” Yes you are correct, so it is a great variety to confirm that you indeed do have the yellow road flaw.



In our previous Under the Magnifying Glass we mentioned the BAT 15p value of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Geographic Society issue and the “joined ic” flaw on pos.5 of Plate 1B.

The Urch Harris catalogue also confirms another flaw, the “spur on “t”” which is also on Plate 1B, but this time at position 13. We tracked down a stamp with this flaw and it is nicely visible to the naked eye.



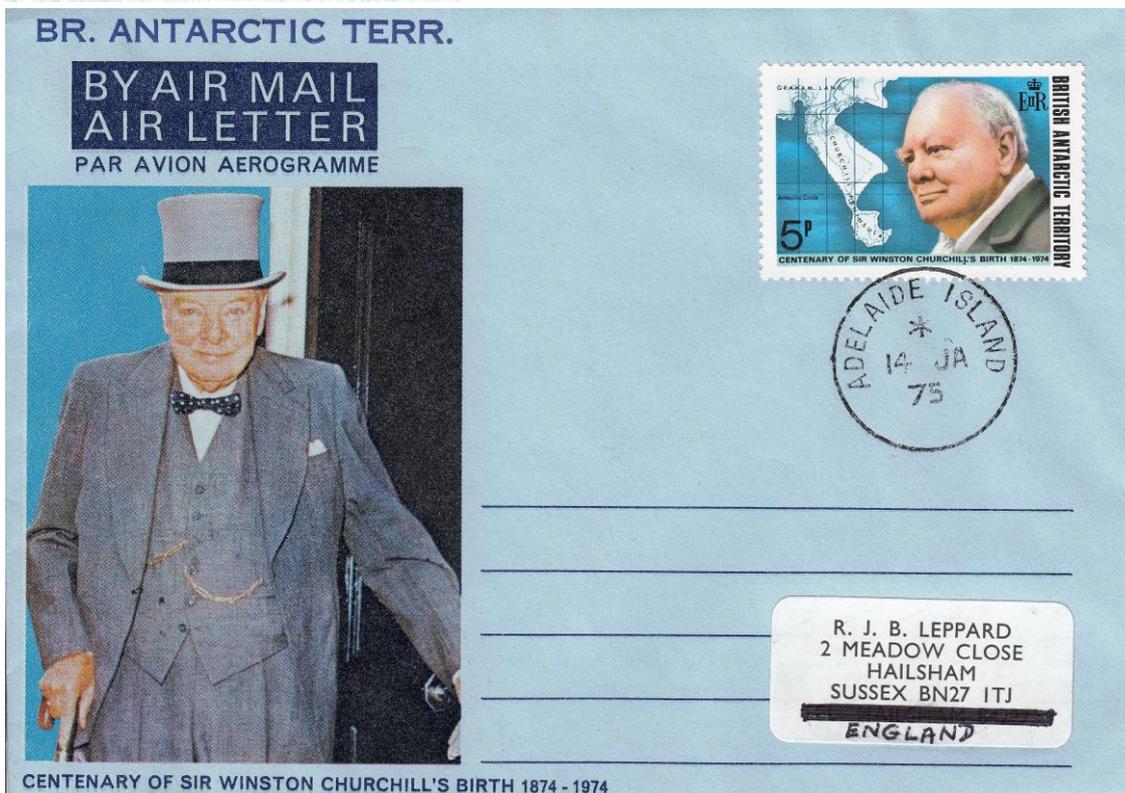
We had not heard of any variety on the BAT Explorers issue before now, but the Urch Harris catalogue lists a “red dot variety” on the 1/2p value.

This is a constant red dot between the “B” and “R” of “BRITISH” and is on R5/1 Pos.21 in a pane of 25 for Plate 1C.

This is present on the 1972 original and the 1974 shade printing of SH45. It is not listed for the 1975 or 1978 printings but it would be great if this could be confirmed by our members



While mentioning British Antarctic Territory, the 2013 Heijtz catalogue lists for the 1974 Churchill Birth Centenary issue, SH62v1 "Black . under L". This is illustrated left. Urch Harris state that this variety is Plate 1A, any confirmation from members again welcome.



Bill Leppard provided us with this example of SH62 v1 on an aerogramme addressed to his father, overprinted with "BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY". He also has similar Churchill aerogrammes for the Falkland Islands and South Georgia. Does anyone know the origin of these?



You may remember in the last instalment of Under the Magnifying Glass we mentioned the "white flaw on cheek" on the Falkland Islands 1966 Churchill issue. We postulated that it was at Pos. 32 Row 7/2 but were uncertain which plate it may be from.

We were very grateful for an email from Paul Jackaman who has a bottom half sheet of the 1/- value. Paul confirmed his sheet had the flaw in that position and his sheet was plate 1B2B1B1B.

In the meantime we now have seen an example of the flaw on a single 1/- and 2/- value from British Antarctic Territory, these are illustrated above. This used a Plate 1B2B1B1B as well, so we could have the same flaw on Falklands and BAT stamps, which then have the gold lettering of the Territory name applied. Again if anyone happens to have a sheet or half sheet of these values for BAT, we would welcome confirmation on position and Plate number.

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