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This site is dedicated to the 1935 Silver Jubilee omnibus stamps of King George V of Great Britain. It includes the first common colonial stamp designed for a reigning monarch's jubilee. It is of particular significance because of King George's great interest in stamps.

This site provides resource information, pictures of variations and flaws found in the 1935 Silver Jubilee series. It is hoped it will prove useful for others, who like me, have struggled to find pictures showing a particular variation or obtain background information.

The site has over 500 pages. To get the most from your visit it is **strongly recommended** you

- review the [General Information](#) section for an overview of the contents, **AND**
- access the [Help](#) page for guidance on getting around the web site.
- use the [Site map](#) page if you intend to use the site repeatedly.
- read information on [reproduction](#) of images and copyright.

Many wonderful people have generously contributed scans, pictures or information so that this site can be a resource for all who visit. They are acknowledged on individual pages and on the [special acknowledgement](#) page. I have been greatly aided in this project by John Cooper, who, kindly and freely, provided me with much background information and patiently answered my many questions.

I have attempted to describe the varieties and provide information as accurately as possible. Any errors are mine alone.

This site is dedicated to the 1935 Silver Jubilee omnibus stamps of King George V. It includes the first common colonial stamp designed for a reigning monarch's jubilee and is of particular significance at this time because of King George's great interest in stamps and the fact that 2010 sees the 75th anniversary of the launch of this issue.

There are over 500 pages of information at the site and webmaster Neil Donen has made it simple to navigate around the five main sections. The appearance is stylish and rather than have a plain white background to each page, there is a light-grey 'watermark' of His Majesty's head and surround as used on most of the colonial issues, making for strain-free viewing.

Sections and contents covered are:

General Information - Background to KGV's life, events and hobby interest; a history of Windsor Castle (the main stamp design element used); historical background to the three printers (Bradbury, Wilkinson, De La Rue and Waterlow), and all issue dates, which spanned 1 May – 12 July, are detailed. (The actual anniversary was, appropriately, 6 May.) There is also information about a study circle, dealers, auctioneers, useful links, an extensive bibliography and a philatelic glossary.

Postage Stamps – The common Castle design was used for 44 countries, while a further 10 (including GB) used their own designs. All the information likely to be needed is held here including ancillary items such as perfins, postal orders, essays, colour trials, proofs, specimens, booklets, varieties and errors where these exist.

Postal History – These stamps were extensively used on mail, producing many types of interesting postal history items. It is good, therefore, to see usages such as Book Post, Flying Boat and Rocket Mail covered, as well as the more common day-to-day

mail items. There are also extensive postage rate charts for all the colonies, maps and scans of philatelic items.

Variety Location – This section is designed to help collectors find the location of a variety with respect to its plate, row or column number. It includes those where the position is known and those where the variety has yet to be correctly positioned within its sheet.

Site Information, Searches and Contact – From here it is possible to find full help details, examine the content of the entire site via the Site Map, read about all amends made since 2000, and see a record of the people, organisations, companies and government agencies that have provided assistance down the years. Searching is, perhaps unusually, done by examining an A-Z listing of content, rather than by entering a search term into a box. Finally, contact by email with the webmaster is actively encouraged.

This website shows how just one omnibus stamp issue can provide enough interest to last a lifetime and for anyone thinking about recording their own knowledge on a philatelic subject via this medium could do no better than to examine this site.

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