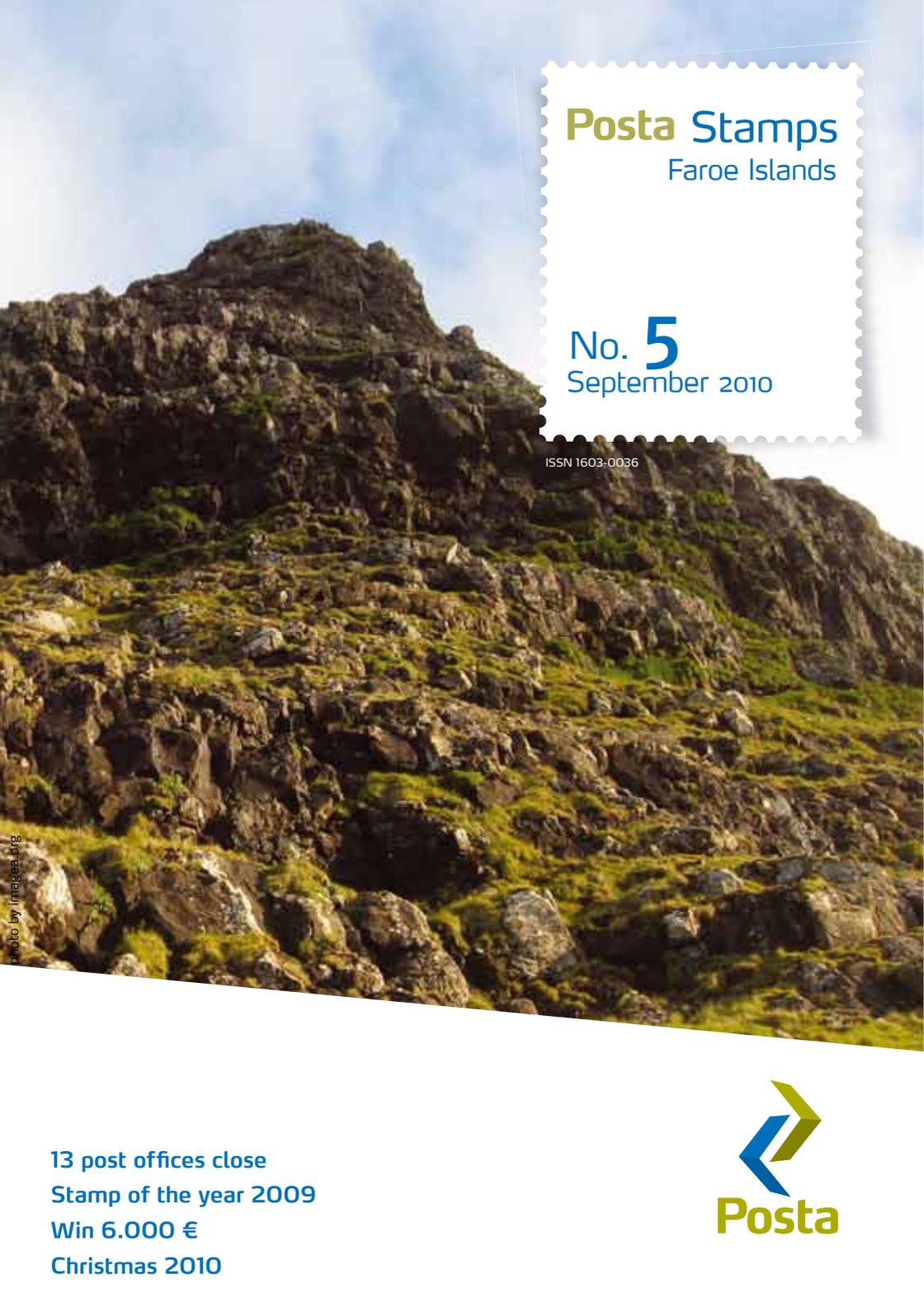


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Stamp of the year 2009
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Christmas 2010



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30.12.2010:

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When the Faeroese postal service was turned into a limited company in 2005 it was decided that some post offices would remain open in certain villages until the end of 2010. The Act of 2005 stated that this should be 21 post offices in various places.

It became clear as early as 2005 that the need for post offices was decreasing as postal distribution became more up-to-date in step with technological developments. Therefore, the Act also stated that no more than seven post offices would be necessary after the beginning of 2011.

Since the postal service was turned into a limited company, Posta has constantly increased its use of new technology in order to provide customers with better service.

The first 'PostSelf' automats were established in four places in the Faeroes in 2008. This meant that customers could now decide when they wanted to make use of the postal service.

The new Posta Heima service was launched in 2009. Posta Heima is a kind of mobile post office that visits customers. The courier drives to the customer's address so that the person in question can carry out all of his/her normal postal transactions at home. This service is available in both villages and towns.

An agreement was signed with the Samkeyp and Merko chains (convenience goods stores with long opening hours) shortly after Posta Heima was launched. Customers can take



Photo: Miriam Hinz

care of their usual postal errands, such as sending letters, at these stores because they also sell stamps and large and small envelopes and have letter boxes outside. We call this service PostaHer.

The most important functions of post offices are to receive payments and keep parcels for collection. But the number of customers who visit post offices is falling in step with the competition from on-line banking and the Posta Heima service.

The time has therefore come to close some post offices and the following 13 will be closed at the end of December:

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In this connection it will be possible for our philatelist customers to buy last day of issue covers, franked and stamped, from 30/12/10 from the above-mentioned post offices. See enclosed order form.



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Stamp of the year 2009

Stamp collectors worldwide have been participating in the voting for the most beautiful Faroese stamp of the year 2008. Here is the result:

Nr. 1 was the stamp FO 672 which depicts a winter scenery of Leynar (Sepac 2009). Photographer: Ólavur Fredriksen.

Nr. 2 was the stamp FO 673 with the pigeons drawn by Astrid Andreassen

Nr. 3 was the mini-sheet Global Warming FO 659-660. Drawn by Edward Fuglø.

The lucky winners are:

- 1) Åke Peterson
Gnosjö, Sweden
- 2) Luigi De Martin
Conegliano, Italy
- 3) Jacques Meyer
Lyon, France

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6.000 € (ca. 45.000 kr)

De færøske frimærker, der er med i konkurrencen er FO 615 (Hoyvík) og FO 672 (Leynar)

I oversigten hos Sepac er de henholdsvis nr. 1 og nr. 12.

The competition runs to 30 October 2010. So hurry up!

From the left Christmas cards, Christmas Decorations, Christmas Seals, Yearpack, and Yearbook 2009



Christmas 2010

Christmas Seals

The artist Janus á Húsagarði has designed this year's Christmas Seals, which depict a Faroese winter landscape with elves. Together with the Christmas seal is a cute little Christmas story.

As usual, the profit of the sale goes to The Christmas Seal Foundation, which supports children- and youth work in the Faroe Islands.

Price: 30,00 DKK

Year Pack

The year pack measures 235 x 202 mm and contains all the stamps and miniature sheets of the year. Stamp booklets and franking labels are not included

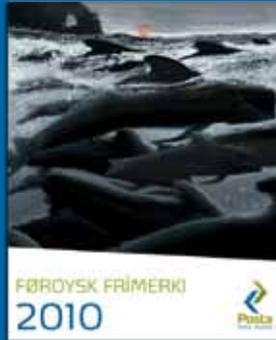
in the Year Pack which is sold at face value.

Price: 289,00 DKK

Yearbook

The Yearbook 2010 has the size of A4 and is produced in superb quality with lots of beautiful pictures and illustrations. All of this year's stamps are inserted in the Yearbook in resealable mounts. Booklets and franking labels are not included.

The Yearbook is available in two versions: Danish/Faroese and English/German. Price: 330,00 DKK



Christmas Decorations

We continue with the third set of the Christmas decorations of the angel series. Another five of the angels on the 2008 Christmas seals have been made as Christmas decorations. Astrid Andreassen has illustrated the angels.

The decorations are made in brass covered with 24-carat gold and provided with a golden braid - ready for hanging. The angels measure 8 cm and are delivered in sets of five.
Price: 159,00 DKK

Christmas Cards

In connection with the Christmas Seals issue, Posta Stamps also issues four Christmas cards.

The cards are sold in sets of four, incl. envelopes. The Christmas cards are not included in the subscription but can be ordered by completing the order form.
Price: 25,00 DKK

New franking labels 2010



Test proof

New issue: **Franking labels 2010**
Boat racing
Date of issue: 20.09.2010
Value: 6,00 - 100,00 kr.
Motif: Boat racing
Artist: Jóannes Lamhauge
Size: 22,5 x 55,0 mm
Printing method: Flexoprent
Printer: Post Danmark, Denmark



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