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This is truly a beautiful book. The first authoritative and fully comprehensive illustrated survey of all Manx Telecom's fabulous and collectable telephone cards. Providing vital in-depth information on each and every one of 200 card issues, this book is a must for collectors and enthusiasts all over the world. Discover the stories behind the colourful subjects on each card and experience a delightful slice of the intriguing history and rich culture the Isle of Man has to offer. Major events include the TT Races, the Island Games and the BT Global Challenge yacht race. Getting about on the Island by horse, steam and electric railway and the Steampacket ferries are all featured. The Island's flora, fauna, marine life and fishing industry are examined along with heritage havens such as Cregneash Folk Museum and the House of Mannanan at Peel. Manx traditions are evoked in unique Christmas customs, the shenanigans of St. Mary's Eve, the Fairy Bridge, the curious Manx cat and the origin of the famous three legs of Mann. Important heritage attractions include St. German's Cathedral, Peel Castle, King Orry's Grave and Thorwald's Cross-Slab. Iconic landmarks celebrated on the phonecards include the Tower of Refuge, the Laxey Wheel, the Island's five lighthouses, the Gaiety Theatre and the Millennium Sculpture at Ballafletcher. Other cards delve into aspects of the unique Manx Constitution, commemorate Douglas Borough centenary, and salute the Island's own William Hillary, founder of the RNLI, and the internationally revered designer and creator of the 'Liberty-style', Archibald Knox. This book is definitely for everyone interested in Manx life, past and present.

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first set of which featured famous ships of the Steam Packet fleet from 1920 to the present day.

1991 came to a close with two very attractive cards. In November the 20 units Christmas card was released. The Three Kings bearing their precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, against a royal mauve ground was one of four traditional Nativity subjects depicted on the Island's stamps for Christmas 1991. Designed and created by David Swinton, this scene represented the 18p stamp. The paper

figures were sculpted in 3D by scoring, folding, cutting and bending Bockingford watercolour paper. The scene was then photographed in special lighting to bring out the relief qualities. This phonecard was reproduced as a full-size corporate Christmas card, (containing the phonecard) issued by Manx Telecom to agents and large clients for Christmas 1991.

The second card, released in December, was the 1991 issue for DHL. This was a 50 units card emphasising the European Community dimension

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1991 - THE THREE KINGS [R11]

R11
MERRY CHRISTMAS
1991
THE THREE KINGS
20 units
Shallow notch
November 1991
3,882
Control 1110MA - - - - -



DHL 1991 WORLDWIDE EXPRESS - MAP OF EUROPE - DECEMBER 1991 [C66]

C66
DHL 1991
MAP OF EUROPE
50 units
Shallow notch
December 1991
3,000
Control 1210MA - - - - -



of the 'Worldwide Express' through a spotlighted map of Europe, primarily in red, white and gold. As usual, 500 of these cards were distributed by DHL in red vinyl presentation wallets.

No new cards were issued for the first five months of 1992, giving rise to speculation that changes were certainly afoot. Then in June 1992, Manx Telecom announced it was changing its

card issues from a unit-based system to a money-based system. £2, £5 and £10 were envisaged to be the standard card values. This change would enable the Company in future to add extra units to a standard value card, if it so wished. The first new cards to be denominated in £s were the 1992 TT Collector Series. The four cards were each of £2 value, having the