

Press Release

LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES Designed by Sir Paul Smith – New Year’s Eve Launch Night

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Sir Paul Smith’s Isle of Man 2012 London Olympic stamps launched on the first minute of January 2012 at the Regent Street Post Office in Douglas.

Regent Street Post Office opened its doors on New Year’s Eve to launch the Isle of Man’s 2012 London Olympic stamps which are designed by Sir Paul Smith, the iconic British fashion designer and great friend of cyclist Mark Cavendish. Dot Tilbury General Manager of IOM Stamp and Coins welcomed all the guests which included British National Archery champion Aalin George and her sister Kirsten, Olympian Marie Morgan (formerly Purvis) Tom Black (cycling) and Stewart Bennett (cycling training partner for paralympian Ian Sharpe) Red Cross chairman, Peter O’Shea who will be on first aid duty at the Games together with his daughter Sadhbh who is a volunteer at the Olympic cycling road races.

An enthusiastic crowd turned up to launch the stamps and the staff were kept going till 1.00am.



Image List:

Top Left: Aalin and Kirsten George with Dot Tilbury

Top Right: Peter and Sadhbh O’Shea

Bottom Left: Policemen Paul Cubbon and Juan Killip

Bottom Right: Stuart Bennett, Marie Morgan and Tom Black

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About Aalin and Kirsten George (pictured above with Dot Tilbury)

Aalin and Kirsten are both on the GB Cadet Ladies Compound Archery Team, it is Kirstens first year on the team but Aalin has been on the team for the last 2 years. Aalin is 15 years old and Kirsten is 14.

Aalin is currently the British Junior Ladies Outdoor and Indoor Champion. She is also the GB Junior Ladies Archer of the year, for the second year in a row. She is currently ranked British number one. She currently holds several British and Isle of Man and Island Games Records. She has 2 individual European Silver medals and 1 European Team Gold medal. She was the youngest competitor for the Isle of Man in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in 2010 where she set a new Isle of Man record and carried the flag in the closing ceremony. She was awarded the Most outstanding performer cup and medal for the Island games 2011 where she won gold and silver and set new Island Games records. Aalin is also the Isle of Man under 21 sportswoman of the year. That's just the stuff I can remember for the moment!

Kirsten has some way to go to catch up with her sister but she has done very well to be selected for the GB Cadet Ladies squad based on her performance in 2011 on what has really been her first year of competition with the compound bow.

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